



Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday, April 4

8:30-10 a.m. Registration
 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Concurrent Specialty Sessions
 12:30-2 p.m. Lunch Break
 2-6 p.m. Concurrent Specialty Sessions (continued)
 6:30-7 p.m. Conference Welcome
 7-8 p.m. No-Host Reception

Thursday, April 5

7:30-8:45 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Exhibits Open
 9-10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 10:45 a.m.-noon Concurrent Sessions
 12:30-2 p.m. Lunch Plenary
 2:30-3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 4:30 p.m. Exhibits Close
 4:30-6:30 p.m. WOU Reunion

Friday, April 6

7-8:15 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
 8:30-9:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 10-11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch Plenary/Closing



New and Improved!

The biennial Region X Symposium on Rehabilitation and Deafness got a facelift! Welcome to the new and improved Northwest Symposium on Rehabilitation and Deafness, complete with a logo reflecting the great Northwest! The name may have changed, but the quality hasn't. You will receive electrifying training and develop and renew invigorating networks with colleagues across the Northwest.

On the first day of the Symposium, conference attendees will choose one of three day-long sessions designed to help you develop a firm foundation in serving individuals who are deaf-blind, individuals who are hard of hearing, or individuals in the Deaf Native American community. Be sure to join the Conference Welcome and Reception that evening.

On Thursday and Friday, 15 break-out sessions are developed around three broad areas that continue to pose challenges for education and rehabilitation professionals: 1) traditionally underserved special populations; 2) postsecondary environments; and 3) transition into the workplace. Topics include:

serving individuals with cochlear implants; strategies to teaching English; reasonable accommodation; addiction and treatment issues; as well as sessions on serving individuals who are deaf-blind, advances in technology, and service provider ethics.

In addition to the workshop sessions, a Resource Fair of technology exhibits is featured on Thursday. Extra time between sessions will allow conference attendees to experience new technology that will assist consumers in maintaining success at school, on the job, and in the home. Thursday evening also includes a very special reunion of Western Oregon University graduates to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Rehabilitation Counselor Education program there.

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The Northwest Symposium on Rehabilitation and Deafness

**Enhancing the Partnerships:
Improving Employment and Education Outcomes for Individuals
who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, and Deaf-Blind**



**April 4 to 6, 2001
DoubleTree Columbia River
Portland, Oregon**

Co-Sponsors:

Rehabilitation Services Administration
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Northwest Outreach Center
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Gallaudet University Regional Center
 at Ohlone College, Fremont, California

Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation
 Western Washington University

Divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation
 and Services for the Blind in
 Alaska, Idaho, Washington and Oregon

Registration Deadline: March 14



Conference Registration

(Please print clearly)

Participant Information

Name _____

Title _____

Name you prefer to have on your name badge _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Voice TTY

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Other than sign language interpreters and realtime captioning, please indicate accessibility/accommodation requests for the conference (e.g. Braille, close vision interpreting):

I will be attending the WOU Rehabilitation Counseling Program reunion, Thursday evening, April 5. Yes No

Please indicate your first and second preference for the Wednesday, April 4 all-day specialty workshop. Conference attendees will attend only ONE of these all-day workshops.

- _____ Serving Individuals who are Deaf-Blind
- _____ Serving Individuals who are Hard of Hearing
- _____ Serving Individuals in the Deaf Native American Community

Conference Fees: \$250 Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (includes Wednesday Specialty Workshop; Conference Sessions Thursday and Friday; no-host reception Wednesday; continental breakfasts; and lunches)

Specialty Workshop Only: \$150 (Wednesday only) (includes Wednesday Specialty Workshop; lunch; no-host reception Wednesday evening)

Student Registration: \$200 (also includes meals and reception)
For full-time graduate or undergraduate students, faculty signature required.
Faculty signature: _____
School and department: _____

Late Registration: \$275 (if space available)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ (check, money order or purchase order)

Please make checks payable to: Regional Resource Center on Deafness/Western Oregon University

Duplicate conference registration materials may also be accessed via the NWOC home page at: www.wou.edu/nwoc/nwsrd

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

Regional Resource Center on Deafness
Western Oregon University
345 N. Monmouth Ave.
Monmouth, OR 97361
ATTN: Becky Graber

Registration Deadline: March 14, 2001



Conference Registration Information

April 5th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK ON THE REGISTRATION FORM THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!

Continuing Education Units

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf CMP and ACET continuing education units are pending through the Region X IEC, an approved RID CEU sponsor. In addition, Western Washington University will offer verification of attendance, which may be used to apply for Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and other program credits. Ask at the Conference Registration/Information desk for more information.

Exhibitors

NOTE: A limited amount of exhibitor space, focusing on technology, will be available. In addition, a limited number of unattended tables will be available for job announcements, program brochures and other advertising relevant to programs and services in the Northwest. For more information concerning exhibits, please contact Cheryl Davis at davisc@wou.edu, 503-838-8642 (V/TTY).

Conference Hotel

Perched on the banks of the scenic Columbia River, just 10 minutes north of downtown Portland, The DoubleTree Columbia River will provide a picturesque backdrop for this three-day conference. To reserve hotel accommodations, contact the DoubleTree Columbia River at 503-283-2111 (voice), 503-283-4718 (fax) or 1-800-222-8733 (voice) or 1-800-528-9898 (TTY). Identify yourself as a member of the NWSRD Conference. Rates range from \$77 plus tax per night (single) to \$137 plus tax per night (quad room). Ask about a Riverview Upgrade for \$15! Rooms at the conference rate are available through March 9, 2001, and are limited, so make your reservations as soon as possible. Please make your hotel accessibility/accommodation requests (e.g., hotel kit) at the time you register. The deadline for requesting accommodations for your hotel room is March 21, 2001. A link to the DoubleTree is available on the Conference Welcome Web page.

NOTE TO WASHINGTON RESIDENTS: Alternative lodging with easy access to the conference hotel is available across the river in Washington at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. If you need to stay in Washington, request lodging at the Quay when you call 1-800-222-8733 (voice) or 1-800-528-9898 (TTY) to register.

Transportation and Parking

The DoubleTree provides complimentary airport shuttles, available from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., running every twenty minutes. The shuttle to our conference lodging is labeled "Jantzen Beach/Columbia River/The Quay." Free parking is also available at the hotel.

Registration Deadline

Completed registration form and payment should be received by March 14, 2001. The Regional Resource Center on Deafness at Western Oregon University will send confirmation letters upon receipt of your registration information.

Late Registration

If you are registering for the conference after March 14, 2001, please call Becky Graber at 503-838-8444 (V/TTY) to confirm that space is still available.

Cancellations and Refunds

Conference registration fees will be refunded to persons who withdraw from this conference by notifying Becky Graber in writing at the Regional Resource Center on Deafness at Western Oregon University on or before March 21, 2001.

Conference Accessibility/Accommodations

Interpreters, realtime captioning and assistive listening devices will be available for all conference sessions. Please indicate any other accessibility/accommodation requests on your registration form (e.g., close vision interpreting, Braille). The deadline for requesting accommodations for conference sessions is March 21, 2001. Advance requests give us time to ensure that the appropriate services can be arranged.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURES

Specialty Workshops

We are pleased to provide three concurrent all-day specialty workshops the first day of our 2001 conference. These workshops will provide conference attendees a foundation of understanding in one of three areas: 1) serving individuals who are hard of hearing; 2) serving individuals who are deaf-blind; and 2) serving Native American cultural minorities within the Deaf community. These workshops will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 4. Conference attendees should mark their first and second preference on the registration form indicating which **one** of the three you plan to attend.

Reunion for WOU Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Graduates and faculty of the master's degree program in Rehabilitation Counseling at Western Oregon University (previously known as Western Oregon State College and Oregon College of Education) are gathering to reunite and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Rehabilitation Counselor Education program graduating class. This no-host reunion will give past graduates and faculty a chance to catch-up and reconnect. If you are a graduate or faculty member from the master's degree Rehabilitation Counseling: Deafness, General Rehabilitation Counseling program or of the summer, four-week Rehabilitation Counseling with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing-Adults program, plan to meet with us on Thursday