

OTAN Resources for Teachers



The banner features the OTAN logo on the left, which consists of a stylized figure with arms raised next to the letters 'OTAN'. To the right of the logo is the text 'Outreach and Technical Assistance Network for Adult Educators'. On the far right is a circular inset image showing three people in a classroom setting, one pointing at a screen. Below the banner is a navigation bar with seven categories: ED TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA, TEACHING TOOLS & RESOURCES, RESEARCH & REFERENCE, PEOPLE & ORGANIZATIONS, LAWS & LEGISLATION, FUNDING & JOBS, and a search box labeled 'Search keyword:'.

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OTAN's Web site has combined all the resources previously available at our original OTAN site and the Adult Ed Teacher's site. Here is a list of some of your favorite teaching resources and the path to locate them on our new site:

Teaching Tools & Resources

By Program Type - There are six adult ed program areas: ABE/ASE/GED, Adults with Disabilities, ESL/Citizenship/EL Civics, Older Adults, Parent & Consumer Education, and Career Technical Education. We have grouped subject appropriate lesson plans, links and other documents by these program areas and we have a separate category for those teaching in a correctional setting. Under most programs you will find:

Lesson Plans - California Adult Ed Approved - You will find a variety of sample lesson plans contributed by California adult ed teachers.

Lesson Plans from other sources - These lesson plans come from many places and may or may not meet California standards, but can easily be adapted to do so.

Classroom Activities - Things to do with your students that are of a shorter duration than a complete lesson plan and often not as structured.

Sites to Use with Students - OTAN staff monitors Web sites that can be used in instructional settings with adult learners. Save yourself a lot of time by using these sites.

References/Articles on Classroom Instruction - These are sites with reference materials that could be used in constructing lesson plans and activities for your students as well as articles on teaching and learning.

Media (Graphics, Photos, Sounds & Video clips) - Various types of media to support your program are found here.

Project Based Learning - The project-based learning method is a comprehensive approach to instruction. Students participate in projects and practice an interdisciplinary array of skills across subject areas. The links and documents here will guide you in how to conduct project-based learning and show you examples of finished projects.

Software & SW Reviews - Program specific software, information on selecting software and reviews of program specific software are found here.

Lesson Plan Builder - This is an online tool for creating, sharing and publishing lesson plans that address adult education content standards.

Web-based Class Activities - These Web-based activities provide collections of Web pages organized around instructional themes.

Online Tools for Teachers - Find utilities to create puzzles, quizzes, games and Webquests. We also have links for creating a class Web page or a class discussion board.

Distance Ed - If you are interested in any aspect of distance teaching, need online course materials or want to purchase materials appropriate for distance learning, look in here.

Professional Development - Find continuing education opportunities for educators, online courses and tutorials, credentialing information, online journals, and other professional development resources.

Recruit & Retain - Here are strategies to market services to adult education students and increase student persistence.

Standards & Assessment - Locate instructional standards, types of assessment and evaluation and specific assessment instruments.

Ed Technology & Media

Video Gallery > Technology Integration Videos - We have a number of different online videos demonstrating the use of many different technologies.

Classroom Resources - Sources for freeware utilities and tutorials for commercial software; a place to order materials produced with public funds and reproduced by OTAN; links to sites that offer free graphics, photos and sounds that are not program specific; information on setting up and staffing a lab as well as classroom management techniques once computers are available.

Research & Reference

Adult Ed Dictionary - a searchable dictionary of acronyms and terms used in adult education.