



## NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIANS

Winter 2017

### Celebrating NCED

Getting to know your board:

**Emily Rutherford** is your board secretary. She earned her Doctor of Education degree from Lamar University. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the West College of Education at Midwestern State University. Dr. Rutherford has spent fourteen years working in public schools as a teacher, educational diagnostician, special education administrator, and as a university professor. Dr. Rutherford's experience also includes nearly a decade working as an evaluator and assessor for children suspected of having disabilities within a state agency and the school system. She presents at regional, state, and national conferences on autism, learning disabilities, assessment and other related topics.

### Website News

You can now print a receipt for your renewal. Go to the Member Pages drop down and click on Payment History. Select the payment you desire and up pops a receipt. Thank you Webmaster Matt

### Message from the Board

Well, we must be having fun because time sure is flying! Can you believe that it is already February!

Your NCED board has been working hard these past few months. We attended and met at the Louisiana Educational Diagnostician Association (LEDA) conference this past October. Many thanks to the LEDA board and membership for their warm welcome and hospitality. This fall we administered the exam at the LEDA conference in Lafayette, Louisiana, NJEA Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey and the TEDA Conference in Waco, Texas. We would also like to thank all of these organizations for their assistance and support in administering the exam. We could not operate without the support of local organizations. We are always looking to create partnerships with other organizations of diagnosticians.

This leads me to share an initiative that your board is working on to increase the number of certificate holders. For the past few years, we have administered the exam in Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, New Mexico and New Jersey. We have had great support in those states but we need to expand to other states. Each board member is reaching out to other states to see if we can expand our numbers. But we need your help. Is there a conference/ convention that we may attend to share information? We will administer the exam just about anywhere should there be enough interest.

We would also like to hear from you. If there is an assessment you particularly like, had a rewarding experience, a question for discussion or anything else happening in your work as an educational diagnostician, please share. You might see it in the next newsletter. Of course, we cannot endorse any particular assessment or practice, but sharing information among professionals is an important part of improving the level of professionalism. Send submissions to [nced.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nced.secretary@gmail.com).

The website appears to be working nicely. Send any suggestions you may have.

The board and I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year! I know the next 20, 60, 90 days will fly by. Just remember you are having fun!

Pam

## CEU Opportunities:

Working Memory Training and  
Evidence Based Interventions

<http://downloads.pearsonclinical.com/videos/120816-Cogmed/WMT-and-Evidence-Based-Intervention-for-ADHD-Part-1-120816.mp4>

Shaywitz Dyslexia Screening

<http://downloads.pearsonclinical.com/videos/102016-shaywitz/The-Shaywitz-DyslexiaScreen-102016.mp4>

Using the Vineland - 3

<http://downloads.pearsonclinical.com/videos/071216-Vineland3/Using-the-Vineland-3-on-Q-Global-071216.mp4>

Why are executive functions  
important? How does working  
memory training affect them?

<http://downloads.pearsonclinical.com/videos/061416-Cogmed/Why-are-Executive-Functions-Important-How-does-WM-Training-Affect-Them-061416.mp4>

The NCED Board offers information  
about these opportunities as options  
for professional growth only. This is  
not an endorsement of any product,  
practice or company.

## NCED Exam Dates and Locations:

**Boston MA**     **April 21, 2017**

**New Jersey**     **Spring 2017**

**Texas**     **Spring 2017**

## Reminders

Please check your certificate holder status on our website to ensure that your renewal fees are up to date. You have the option of renewing online using PayPal, which can be accessed after completing the renewal form or by downloading the renewal form and mailing it with your payment to the address listed on the form. The deadline to renew is January 31, 2017. (If you forgot, please send asap.)

**Don't forget to enter your CEUs. It's easy, just go to:**

<http://ncedb.org/login.php?whichpage=CEUHours>

## Legislative Updates

The U.S Supreme Court is to decide the level of benefit special education must provide.

<http://mobile.edweek.org/c.jsp?cid=25920011&item=http%3A%2F%2Fapi.edweek.org%2Fv1%2Fblogs%2F58%2F%3Fuuid%3D60315>

Decisions in special education cases by the U.S. Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, U.S. District Courts, and other noteworthy decisions.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/caselaw.htm>

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The NCED board is currently researching each state to determine who conducts the educational performance testing. It is our goal to identify states with Educational Diagnosticians or comparable assessment personnel and requirements to become an Educational Diagnostician in that state. Our goal is to expand the certification to states that may have been overlooked. We could use your help. Please share any information you have regarding assessment personal in your state or surrounding states. We are looking to reach out to assessment professionals and their professional organizations across the country. Contact [nced.membership@gmail.com](mailto:nced.membership@gmail.com)

## **ACROSS THE STATES**

### **Louisiana**

A meeting of the NCED Board of Directors was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, in conjunction with the Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians Association (LEDA) conference. The hospitality shown to us by the members of LEDA and their board is very much appreciated. The LEDA Conference, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. Keynote speakers, Drs. Laura Riffel and Gloria Maccow provided both interesting and informative workshops. Additional speakers included Dr. Barry McDaniel and Dr. Kay McDaniel. We are very happy to have such strong ties to LEDA.



Becky Dieckmann, Pam Lowry and Dana Walke at LEDA

### **New Jersey**

The New Jersey Association of Learning Consultant (NJALC) recently supported NCED by providing rooms and sharing a table at the November 2016 New Jersey Education Association Convention (NJEA). This convention is provides professional development opportunities to school personnel throughout New Jersey. Our thanks to NJ ALC for their continuing support of NCED.

### **Texas**

The Texas Educational Diagnostician Association's Annual Conference was held October 10 and 11, 2016 at the Waco Convention Center. Dr. Sue Sheridan presented information on Functional Evaluations when assessing/working with students with low incidence disabilities. There was a strand entirely devoted to assessment of children that are deaf/hard of hearing. Round Table Presentations featured test kits/batteries many diagnosticians are aware of but may not be familiar with, tests which may be useful when assessing students with low incidence disabilities.



Renee Kwiatek and Dana Walker at TEDA

## From the Exam Committee

The NCED Board of Directors congratulates 12 new NCED-certified diagnosticians who passed the NCED examination in the fall of 2016. Alana Bobb, Margaret Outenreath, Lisa Price, and Charisse Steib passed the examination in October in Lafayette, Louisiana; Amy Smith and Choken Kiyuna passed the examination in October in Waco, Texas; and Matthew Kilic, Pamela Kosten, Gulay Maffia, Jenifer Marks, Laurel Smith, and Patricia Werwie passed the examination in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Exam Committee is currently in the process of updating the application forms to show the name and address of the current Exam Chairman, Ellen Miller, along other minor updates, including the newer lower fee to re-take the examination.

The Exam Committee currently plans to administer the examination 3 times in the spring of 2017- at the CEC national conference in Boston, MA, in April, and also in New Jersey, New Mexico and Texas. Other administrations can be scheduled in other locations if there is sufficient demand (approximately 7-10 applicants). Contact Ellen Miller, Exam Chair, at [nced.exam@gmail.com](mailto:nced.exam@gmail.com) for further information.

## In My Opinion

*This section of the newsletter is provided for our certificate holders to share their ideas regarding their own professional practice. The opinions expressed here do not reflect the opinions or endorsements of the NCED Board for product or practice. Send your submissions to [nced.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nced.secretary@gmail.com).*

### What Adaptive Behavior test do you use more than others?

Although there are several good measures of adaptive behavior skills available, my go-to test is the Adaptive behavior Assessment System, Third Edition (ABAS-3). The ABAS-3 is a norm-referenced assessment that can be used with individuals from birth to 89 years of age. I prefer this test because it is easy to administer, it is more comprehensive and detailed compared to some other adaptive behavior tests and scoring software is available. My favorite feature is the Intervention Planning Report. This report allows the examiner to select appropriate interventions based on the student's deficits, and provides a detailed explanation of the skill and instructional strategies for skill acquisition that are easy for parents and teachers to understand.

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