

## INST 968 Introduction to Assistive Technology

### Knowledge/Skills/Experiences/Learning Goals Activator

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What do I know about assistive technology?	What assistive technology have I seen used or do I use?	What do I want to learn and be able to do with that knowledge?	What answers did I find to my “learn, know and be able to do” areas? What new questions do I have?
<p>I know very little about assistive technology. I know the basics in terms of the fact that it is technology used to assist someone in learning or accomplishing every day tasks.</p> <p>I know that assistive technology is a quickly evolving area of education and an area that many schools don’t know much about even though their students could benefit significantly from it.</p>	<p>I have seen assistive technology used a few times as a Technology Integration Specialist in Hopkinton High School. The Special Ed department used iPods to help students with ADD or ADHD become better organized and help them focus on what they needed to accomplish.</p> <p>I also saw them using iPads to help non-verbal students communicate and express themselves.</p> <p>At Harvard Business School one of my colleagues worked with a Doctoral student who had vision problems to use dictation software so that he could write his dissertation.</p>	<p>I want to understand more about assistive technology and how the education industry can do more to help advance assistive technology in schools. For example, how can I develop products at McGraw Hill that will include assistive technology such that it is accessible to all students regardless of any ability or disability that a student may have.</p>	