

The ESL Best Practices Colloquium at a Glance

Sponsored by: San Bernardino Valley
College English Department

Date: Friday, October 14

Time: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Location: (Note: This is an off-campus site)
San Bernardino Community College
District Offices
Professional Development Center
114 S. Del Rosa Drive
San Bernardino, CA 92408

Registration Fee: \$25

Purpose: To advance effective instruction by teachers and tutors of adult ESL students in community colleges and adult and parent education programs

We will begin our day with check-in and a continental breakfast. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Carlos Cortes, is a highly sought after speaker, consultant, and award-winning Professor Emeritus of History from the University of California, Riverside. His address will be followed by concurrent sessions on such topics as tutoring strategies, assessment, and solving typical language issues encountered by ESL students. After our buffet lunch, we will conclude with a GIFT session, (Great Ideas For Teaching) a time when successful teachers, in small group settings, present informal, brief, clear descriptions of ideas and resources proven to help adult ESL students learn English. Join us!

Call for Presentation Proposals

The San Bernardino Valley College English Department invites individuals working in the area of adult English as a second language to submit proposals for presentations that will contribute to successful learning for ESL students in parent education programs, adult education schools, and community college classrooms.

Colloquium Scope

The focus of the colloquium is on effective teaching and tutoring strategies and includes topics such as:

- Common Language Issues
- Social Interaction Techniques
- Ideas that Enhance General College Success
- Learning Strategies in Vocational Classes
- Assessment Strategies
- Resources—websites, texts, etc.
- Homework Assignments

Presentation Formats:

50-minute Concurrent Sessions

These sessions involve any combination of lecture, demonstration, or discussion focused on research-based or effective fieldwork based teaching strategies.

10-minute GIFT Sessions (Great Ideas for Teaching)

GIFT Sessions are brief, but thorough descriptions of practical/creative ideas pertaining to the focus of our colloquium. Presenters provide handouts and make use of audiovisual aids.

GIFTs are presented using the following format:

1. Attendees select 3 different GIFT presentations to attend during a 45-minute session.
2. Presenters are assigned specific sites for their presentations.
3. The attendees move to a different presenter every 13 minutes.
There is a 2-minute transfer period between presentations.
4. Presenters give their presentations 3 different times.

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Submission Deadline:

September 15, 2005

Notification of Proposal Status Date:

September 30, 2005

Colloquium Date:

October 14, 2005