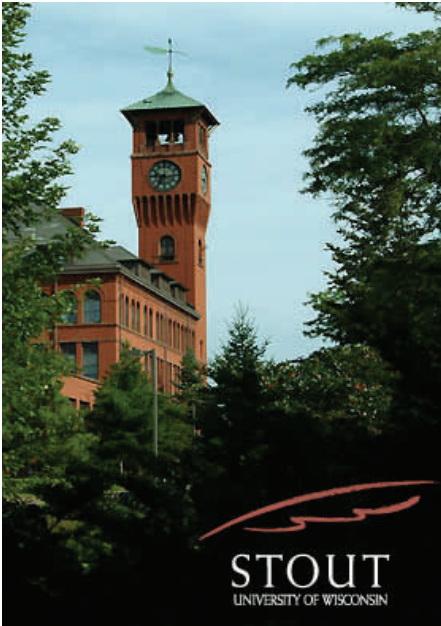


ONLINE  
COURSES

WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO  
ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING  
AND  
VOCATIONAL SERVICES FOR  
PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD  
OF HEARING



Providing ethical services to people who are deaf or hard of hearing can present a unique challenge for service providers, whether they are new to the field of rehabilitation or seasoned professionals. The goal of these courses is to enhance professionals' abilities to understand and effectively provide services for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

***Working with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*** focuses on communication and culture aspects. Units include Deaf Culture and Language, Working with Sign Language Interpreters, and Assistive Listening Devices. *This course is appropriate for people with minimal experience with individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.*

***Vocational Services for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*** is a more advanced course recommended for professionals who have some familiarity with psychometric testing or are willing to learn about testing concepts. The goal is to increase participants' familiarity with the range of services available to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and enable them to make effective referrals or increase their abilities to provide services themselves. Units include Employment Services, Psychometric Assessment, and Vocational Assessment.

Ten credit hours/1 CEU will be provided for each course. Two of the ten hours in each course are ethics credits. CRC credits are pre-approved.



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Dates of Next Courses:

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**Working with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing:**

September 8 - October 6, 2008

**Vocational Services for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing:**

October 20 - November 24, 2008

Cost:

\$75 per person per course or \$125 for both courses taken consecutively

Group rates available for organizations registering five or more people

**Dates and registration available at**

**<http://rlr.uwstout.edu> and <http://www.pepnet.org>**

## Who Would Benefit From Taking These Courses?

- Public and Private Rehabilitation Counselors
- Vocational Evaluators
- Job Placement Specialists and Job Developers
- Assistive Technology Practitioners
- University Disability Services Advisors
- Special and Regular Educators
- Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists
- Occupational Communication Specialists & Sign Language Interpreters
- Anyone interested in learning more about working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing

*“The points brought up by the others in the class made me think differently and learn about new resources.”*

*-past participant*

## What Can I Expect?

These 5-week courses are offered in an entirely online format. A course tour is available at [www.rlr.uwstout.edu](http://www.rlr.uwstout.edu). You and a group of others from around the country will complete the course together. Your course facilitator will answer your questions and monitor your progress.

Each course contains 3 units consisting of an hour-long presentation on the topic by a content expert. See [www.rlr.uwstout.edu](http://www.rlr.uwstout.edu) for a syllabus which explains more about each unit. Transcripts are available and videos are captioned. You will take pre- and post-tests to assess the knowledge you've gained. Activities/questions will allow you to apply information and discuss it in writing with others in the course.

**Timelines:** The course is available 24/7, wherever internet access is available. You can work ahead at any time, but will need to meet due dates for each unit and check in periodically to monitor the discussion. Participation of approximately 2 hours per week is required to provide continuous interaction. Discussions are written and “asynchronous” which means that you can reply to other messages and write your own at any time - similar to email but contained within the course website.

*These courses were developed through a collaboration between...*

### PEPNet Midwest

PEPNet's mission is to improve transition services and educational access for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those with co-occurring disabilities. PEPNet's four regional centers work collaboratively to provide a broad variety of best practices and resources where and when they are needed to enhance educational opportunities. PEPNet offers consultation, training, professional development, cutting-edge technical assistance and other resources to educational institutions such as colleges and universities as well as programs in secondary education, community rehabilitation, continuing education, adult basic education, and vocational/technical training. Website: [www.pepnet.org](http://www.pepnet.org)



### Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI)

SVRI, located at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, provides solutions to positively impact the lives of people with disabilities and others in the community through education, research, and services. CARF accredited services provided by SVRI include assistive technology, vocational evaluation, and job placement. On-site and online training opportunities are offered in various content areas. Website: [www.uwstout.edu/svri](http://www.uwstout.edu/svri)

