

Dev Ed & ABE Partnership Affinity Group 2023-2024

Discussing, Sharing, and Enhancing Opportunities for Developmental Education and Adult Basic Education Collaborations

Special Focus this Academic Year: Minnesota State's intended move of developmental education coursework to a corequisite format (tied to a college level course).

All are welcome to participate in the engaging presentations and discussions of the DevEd-ABE Partnership Affinity Group. The Affinity Group's 75-minute virtual meetings will occur in November, February, and April.

Affinity Group background

2023-24 marks the fourth academic year in which Minnesota State Developmental Education and Adult Basic Education teachers and administrators join ranks to ensure college enrolled students are academically ready for the rigors of credit-bearing coursework at Minnesota State campuses. Many students require additional math, English, organization, navigation, and study skills to thrive in college. The DevEd-ABE Affinity Group was formed three years ago to focus on the effectiveness of new and existing classroom partnerships to support Dev Ed enrolled students. Valuable tools and resources have been created, which can be found at: <https://atlasabe.org/key-activities/dev-ed-abe-partnerships/>.

Affinity Group Sponsorship:

This group began in 2021, as a project of the Northwest Adult Education Transitions Region. This year, it is being funded by the Minnesota Department of Education – ABE Unit.

Calling All New Members

Anyone new to ABE or to a Minnesota State college interested in how these partnerships work and what might be possible in your location are welcome to join. Membership is totally voluntary and you can attend all or some of the meetings. Examples of roles joining include ABE Educators, Faculty, College Deans and Administrators, anyone with dev ed reporting responsibility, those interested in measuring dev ed outcomes, Regional Directors.

Meetings

There will be three virtual 75-minute meetings this academic year, all by Zoom. Participants have two choices from which to select each time, to accommodate schedules.

This year's kickoff meeting will be (select one): Thursday, November 2 from 2-3:15 OR Friday, November 3 from 10-11:15am.

If you are attending for the first time, optional introductory session about the history and work of the Affinity Group will occur 15 minutes before whichever meeting you select to attend.

If interested, please contact Russ Fraenkel, rwfraenkel@gmail.com and copy Lesley Blicher, Lesley.blicker@comcast.net. Meeting link will be emailed to you after indicating interest.