

Assistive Technology Knowledge and Skills Self Assessment for Special Education Teachers

Name:

Date:

On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), where you would rank your skills as they relate to the following. Please provide a ranking for every skill. Skipped items will receive a score of zero and could skew your results.

Related Skills	1	2	2	4	5
Evaluate and analyze activity demands to determine functional needs		2	3	4	5
Evaluate for communication needs					
Assess literacy in reading and writing					
Assess for cognitive and academic strengths and needs					
Identify functional needs, screen for functional limitations, and identify if the need for a comprehensive AT evaluation exists					
Recognize poor outcomes regarding technology needs and reinitiate the process as needed					

SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE						
Related Skills	1	2	3	4	5	
Knowledge of the environmental context's effect on performance of the student and how to modify the environment to achieve successful participation						
Knowledge of information and assistive technology resources to enhance children's cognitive and academic skills						
Knowledge about assistive technology for activities of daily living						
Knowledge of unique educational needs of visually impaired students						
Knowledge of appropriate materials for students with visual impairments						
Knowledge of characteristics of exceptional learners that influence the use of technology						
Knowledge of the impact of technology on exceptional learners						
Knowledge of procedures for evaluating computer software and other AT materials for their potential application in special education programs						

Total Specific Knowledge

ABILITIES

Related Skills

1 2 3 4 5

Identify potential physical barriers for students in the environment

Design, fabricate, and install basic assistive technology

Adapt and modify tools to meet student's abilities

Identify, select, and adapt computer hardware and software to support education activities

Position and modify communication devices to facilitate social participation

Compare and contrast different technology features and access methods in relation to student needs

Repair and maintain basic assistive technology

Make specific AT recommendations to facilitate improved functional ability

Ability to train others on AT in their specialty area

Verify safety of user when using AT device

Modify environment to meet the student's needs

Observe and measure student's performance with AT after period of initial use

Identify and use AT that can provide access to educational materials that are otherwise inaccessible to some students

Design student learning activities that foster equitable, ethical, and legal use of AT by students

Design, deliver, and assess student learning activities that integrate AT for a variety of student populations

Troubleshoot AT equipment

Total Abilities



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