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Adult Educators to Convene at UMaine

More than 280 teachers and staff of the Maine Adult Education System will meet at the University of Maine July 26-30 for the 1999 Maine Adult Education Summer Institute. The weeklong professional development program will offer updates and workshops on topics ranging from curriculum development and assessment strategies to building partnerships with business and providing vocational programs for prison inmates.

Among highlights of the institute will be a presentation by Patricia Anderson of the University of Connecticut on legal and accommodation issues surrounding adult learning disabilities. Anderson, coordinator of the Connecticut Postsecondary Disability Technical Assistance Center, will present her workshop Monday from 9:30 a.m.-noon in 107 Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

Maine's adult education system provides basic instruction and skills training to thousands of residents each year. For example, in 1998: over 10,000 Mainers participated in adult high school diploma or equivalency programs; 5,700 participated in basic literacy classes; 1,500 inmates participated in adult education instruction in county and state correctional facilities; 21,500 enrolled in job related skills development programs; and more than 23,300 developed or upgraded their computer skills through Maine adult education programs.

The annual institute is sponsored by the Maine Department of Education and Community Education Team, and is coordinated by the Maine Center for Adult Learning and Literacy at the UMaine College of Education and Human Development.

Media Advisory

Media are invited to any of the sessions.

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