

## CCS May Institute

### Registration Form

Please check one or both.

“Writing” CASAS Test Items with  
Linda Taylor

Integrating Content Standards with  
Kathleen Santopietro Weddel

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## CCS May Institute For Connecticut Adult Educators

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Special Sessions with  
Guest Presenters**

**May 17**

**&**

**May 31**



**0.6 CEUs Each**

These sessions are sponsored by the  
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## CCS May Institute

### “Writing” CASAS Test Items

**Presenter: Linda Taylor from CASAS**

**At the Bureau of Early Childhood, Career and Adult  
Education  
Middletown, Connecticut**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

This session provides an overview of the test development process. See how the purpose of assessment affects the content of specific test items. Participate in the item development process.

Linda asks that you bring some source materials you might be familiar with to the workshop. For reading, this could be any authentic reading material such as a work memo, a chart, an ad, etc. For listening, it could be authentic recorded material or ideas from observed conversations or actual listening events.

#### **Session Objectives:**

- Learn how to write multiple-choice items in functional skills contexts
- Practice writing test items for classroom use
- Discuss incorporating these practice items into instruction

**Audience: ESL and ABE Instructors, all levels**

**Linda Taylor**, Director of Assessment Development at CASAS, has managed the development of multiple-choice and performance-based assessments in reading, listening, speaking and writing. She provides training and technical assistance to states implementing CASAS assessments, and participates in the design and reporting of research projects on adult education policy and assessment issues.

## CCS May Institute

### Integrating Content Standards

**Presenter: Kathleen Santopietro Weddel from Colorado**

**At the Sheraton Four Points Hotel  
Meriden, Connecticut**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

CASAS assessments identify competencies that learners need to master to increase skills and performance levels. What can teachers do with lists of competencies, task areas and content standards combined with results of student needs assessments?

Kathleen will guide participants through a step-by-step process to navigate from learner needs assessment to competency-based instruction to skill assessment.

#### **Session Objectives:**

- Understand how competency-based instruction, the competency statements, and content standards are related
- Identify ways to select competencies for learner-centered instructional plans
- Create study guides that integrate instruction of competencies and content standards for assessment
- Identify techniques and activities for teaching with content standards

**Audience: ESL and ABE Instructors, all levels**

**Kathleen Santopietro Weddel**, a teacher trainer for the Northern Colorado Literacy Resource Center, has experience as a classroom teacher, project coordinator, teacher trainer, author, speaker, and curriculum development consultant.