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Announcement: Grant to integrate AI with SIM Writing Strategies

CRL has been awarded a \$1.875 million grant to integrate artificial intelligence with SIM Writing Strategies, tailored to assist adolescent students with disabilities.

The five-year grant from the Office of Special Education Programs' Stepping Up competition will fund Project iSTAR: An Integrated, Strategic Technology-based Adaptive wRiting Program. The project at the KU Life Span Institute will be led by Jocelyn Washburn, director of professional development and assistant research professor, and Suzanne Myers, assistant research professor.

"This grant will provide adolescents, their teachers, and their families with equitable access to an engaging, evidence-based online writing program," Washburn said. "It will test an AI integration to our proven tools, providing quick, ongoing feedback, and it will adapt based on students' learning needs, preferences, interests, and contexts."

"Often in broad conversations about literacy, there is a focus on reading instead of writing, and younger students rather than adolescents," Myers said. "We're excited that this project will focus specifically on meeting the needs of adolescent writers."

[Click here to read the KU announcement.](#)

SIM News

- **SIM Offices are moving across campus! Our new address will be:**
University of Kansas, Center for Research on Learning
1200 Sunnyside Ave., Hayworth Hall #3107
Lawrence, KS 66045
- **A new KUCRL Online Store is coming soon!**
- **We're updating our pricing for SIM Micro-credentials.** We will now be including the SIM Professional Learning (PL) Micro-credentials as part of the initial PD experience for anyone who attends and completes a SIM PD Session and fills out the evidence section of their micro-credential/badge for review. We're hoping this will be a recognition of achievement and a motivator. The thought behind this is that if people complete their first credential, they will be more likely to continue their journey to achieve higher-level SIM Credentials of Fidelity of Implementation (FI) and SIM Specialist (SP).

What this means for you: As a SIM Specialist, Professional Developer, or Professional Development Leader, the roster that you submit with your [Post PD Reports](#) will be all we need to approve people for the SIM Professional Learning (PL) micro-credentials. So, be sure to let your teachers know during your PD that they can join the SIM PL Badges on Badgelist at either:

[SIM-Content-Enhancement Credentials](#) or [SIM-Learning-Strategies Credentials](#)



SIM Resources & Reminders

- [HLP & SIM Crosswalk, 2024](#) The KUCRL has developed this crosswalk to assist educators in understanding the relationship between the High-Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities (HLPs) and the elements and processes used when implementing the Strategic Instruction Model (SIM™). This crosswalk was updated to respond to the 2024 updated and revised [High-Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities \(2nd edition\)](#).



A Crosswalk: High-Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities and Strategic Instruction Model (SIM™) Instructional Tools and Interventions

- **The [2024 Xtreme Reading Sampler is now available!](#)**
- Attention: Both the *Fundamentals* and *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategies Instructor's Manuals* have been revised and are available in the [KUCRL Store](#).
 - Check out the new powerpoint slides to support the *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy (2nd edition)* [in SIMville](#).
 - [View the May 1, 2024 webinar about these revisions.](#)
- **Please feel free to use or share [the new SIM Overview Video](#)**

Link to SIM Brochures, including:

- SIM Overview Brochure
- SIM Learning Strategies Brochure
 - Writing Strategies Brochure
- SIM Content Enhancement Routine Brochure
 - Higher Order Thinking and Reasoning Brochure
- SIM Math Strategies Brochure

Reminders:

- This is the final StrateNotes issue of the year, so don't forget to renew your subscription if you need to. If you've been to a recent SIM Update Conference, your subscription is now included for 2 years after the conferences as part of your registration.

- [Update your StrateDirectory information](#)
 - [Report your SIM PD work](#)
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SIM in the Field

- **New Publications from the SIM Network:**
 - Madaus J, Gelbar N, **Faggella-Luby MN** and Dukes LL III (2024) Ten years after: a systematic review of the literature on postsecondary education and disability from 2013 to 2022. *Front. Educ.* 9:1412903. doi: 10.3389/educ.2024.1412903
 - Be sure to let us know if you have a new publication or event you'd like us to post!
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Upcoming SIM Events:

- **SIM Update Conferences** for PDers and Specialists
 - Oct. 22, 2024 - [Northeast Update Conference](#) in Virginia
 - **Tentative dates for 2025 (please complete our 1 question survey if you're planning to attend a conference in 2025):**
 - Florida Virtual Conference - Feb. 2025
 - Southeast Conference (Charlotte, NC) - March 2025
 - Upper Midwest Conference (St. Cloud, MN) - June 2025
 - SIM Virtual Conference - October 2025
- **SIM Online PD Classes** for educators (self-paced courses on Canvas, with follow-up coaching time)
 - [Framing Routine](#)
 - [Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing Strategy](#)
 - **NEW:** [The Paragraph Writing Strategy](#)
 - [Possible Selves](#) (1st or 2nd edition)
 - [Sentence Writing Strategies](#) (Fundamentals and Proficiency)
 - [Unit Organizer Routine](#)

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