

Follow the Yellow Brick Road: national SIM conference in KC

Join us in Kansas City this summer for the 1998

National SIM Trainers' Conference. Our theme for this year's conference, which will be July 9-11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, is "Follow the Yellow Brick

Road." Just like Dorothy and Toto, we have a goal. Their goal was to get home. Our goal is improved instruction and success for students

with disabilities and learning problems. Also just like Dorothy and Toto's road, the road to our goal has been long and fraught with obstacles. They encountered winged monkeys, evil witches, and poison poppies. We've encountered skeptics, educational fads, and fundamental changes in the way special education services are being delivered. Similar to Dorothy and Toto, the partnerships, camaraderie, and help we've encountered along the way has been heartwarming and necessary to the outcomes we've all achieved. Although the Emerald City is in sight, we know we have much more traveling to do together to get there. With this conference, we will celebrate the distance we have traveled along the Yellow Brick Road so far, and we will gather our energy and rally our enthusiasm for the road ahead.



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Far West and Midwest
Regional Update
Conference
Las Vegas, NV

March 5-7, 1998
Southeast Regional
Update Conference
Charleston, SC

May 26-30, 1998
Pedagogies for Academic
Diversity in Secondary
Schools Workshop
for Preservice Educators
Lawrence, KS

July 9-11
National SIM Trainers'
Conference
Kansas City, MO

July 21-25, 1998
Strategic Instruction Model
(SIM) Workshop Level I
Lawrence, KS

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Featured speakers

We are honored to present two internationally recognized speakers during our national conference. Richard Lavoie, developer of the F.A.T. City Workshop, and Floyd Hudson, recognized for his work on alternative service delivery models for students with learning disabilities, will give keynote addresses. (Continued on page 7)

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(SIM) Workshop Level II
Lawrence, KS

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Lawrence, KS

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Dear SIM Trainers,

We want to invite you to attend the National SIM Trainers' Conference July 9-11, 1998, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Kansas City's famous Country Club Plaza. You are an important part of the group of people who work with KU-CRL, and we hope that you will be able to attend this special conference, which will include a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Center for Research on Learning.

This is your opportunity to meet several nationally known individuals, including authors of SIM materials and dynamic speakers who have worked with students and programs involving students with special needs. Richard D. Lavoie, nationally known for his F.A.T. City Workshop, will open the conference with a keynote speech at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, July 9, and will present a special workshop later in the day. Floyd Hudson, national authority on the class-within-a-class service delivery model, will present a keynote speech Friday morning, July 10, followed by a workshop on the topic. Throughout the conference, you will have the chance to meet and work with authors of SIM materials at workshops and in individual meetings, if requested.

The conference will reflect the diversity and experience of the more than 900 trainers in the SIM Training Network as trainers from all over the United States and Canada bring ideas to share. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to network, share your ideas, and gain ideas regarding SIM from other educators that you can then implement with educators in your own schools and districts. The conference also provides a terrific opportunity for others to learn about the programs in your school districts. Plan to bring ideas to share at the poster/kaleidoscope session at Saturday's continental breakfast.

Because research is continually taking place at the Center, we ask all of our trainers to attend a regional or national conference at least once every two years to stay up-to-date. We hope you will take advantage of this special conference with its nationally known speakers and special events.

The conference begins with registration at 8 a.m. July 9 and will last until 3 p.m. July 11. If you are interested in coming earlier for special workshops, we have planned a preconference focused on innovative staff development strategies for 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. July 8.

More details about the conference, the preconference, registration, and travel information can be found throughout this issue of *Stratenotes*. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jan Roth, Training Coordinator

Hotel registration and transportation

When

July 8, 1998 (Preconference)
July 9-11, 1998 (Conference)

Where

Crowne Plaza Hotel
4445 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri
(Parking available)

Reservations

(800) 2-CROWNE
(800) 227-6963

Say you are attending the National SIM Trainers' Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Kansas City, MO. Give the code letters "UOK." Reservations must be made before June 15, 1998.

Room rates

\$92/night, single or double plus
12.1% room tax

Transportation

KCI Shuttle
Hours: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
\$21 round trip; \$12 one way
Ticket counters at all baggage claim areas or dial "5000" on any White Courtesy Telephone. Say you're attending the National SIM Trainers' Conference at the Crowne Plaza. Reservations are not needed from the airport to the hotel; however, reservations are needed for shuttle service from the hotel to the airport.
(800) 243-6383
or (816) 243-5000

Registration Form

National SIM Trainers' Conference

July 9-11, 1998
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri



Name: _____

Social Security Number (required): _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I give permission for CRL to include my name, address, and phone number in a listing to be distributed to conference participants: **yes no**

How many previous National SIM Trainers' Conferences have you attended? _____

Registration Fee

All 3 Days

Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11

Early Bird: **\$95**

Registrations postmarked after May 1: **\$130** \$ _____

2 Days

☐ Thursday, July 9

☐ Friday, July 10

☐ Saturday, July 11

(Please check the days you plan to attend.)

Early Bird: **\$75**

Registrations postmarked after May 1: **\$110** \$ _____

1 Day

☐ Thursday, July 9

☐ Friday, July 10

☐ Saturday, July 11

(Please check the day you plan to attend.)

Early Bird: **\$50**

Registrations postmarked after May 1: **\$85** \$ _____

Preconference Registration

8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

July 8, 1998

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Kansas City, Missouri

Fee: **\$30** for a full day

\$20 for a half day \$ _____

(Fee includes buffet lunch)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to KU-CRL

Mail to Janet B. Roth
The University of Kansas
Center for Research on Learning
3061 Dole
Lawrence, KS 66045

Your receipt for registration will be available at the conference.

Conference events and materials

Your three-day conference registration fee includes the following:

- Thursday lunch
- snacks at the Thursday social
- Friday banquet
- Saturday continental breakfast
- training materials
- favors

One or two-day registration fees cover training materials, favors, and special events occurring on the days for which you are registered.

Nominees sought for leadership award

Now is the time to nominate an outstanding certified inservice trainer or a preservice trainer for the SIM Leadership Award.

This award recognizes individuals who have shown exceptional Strategic Instruction Model leadership by helping educators become strategic teachers and, as a result, students become strategic learners.

Nominees should be active members in the SIM Training Network who regularly attend update training sessions; maintain Strateworks memberships; share knowledge with other members of the network through *Strategram*, trainer reports, StrateNet, or presentations at national, regional, or state conferences; and participate in such SIM opportunities as regional committees, preservice studies, or Stratellite Connection study groups.

Please make nominations either verbally or in writing by March 1, 1998, to Janet Roth, KU-CRL, 3061 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045, (785) 864-4780. Janet may be reached electronically through StrateNet or through Internet e-mail at jroth@quest.sped.ukans.edu. Be sure to include your name and a reason you are nominating the person.

Call for Presentations

National SIM Trainers' Conference

July 9-11, 1998

Kansas City, Missouri

We invite all of you who have designed great programs and materials to share your ideas with other SIM Trainers during the 1998 National SIM Trainers' Conference. We offer three options for sharing during the conference: one-hour presentations, the poster session, and our new kaleidoscope session within the poster session. See page 7 for more information about the poster and kaleidoscope sessions.

If you would like to give a one-hour presentation or to participate in the poster or kaleidoscope session, please complete the application form below and return it by **May 1, 1998**, to KU-CRL, 3061 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045

Presentation

Title of Presentation:

Description (*No more than 150 words; attach another page, if necessary.*):

How much time do you need for this presentation? _____

Wizards of SIM Continental Breakfast

Poster Session

Title of Program:

Description (*No more than 150 words; attach another page, if necessary.*):

Kaleidoscope Session

Title of Program:

Description (*No more than 150 words; attach another page, if necessary.*):

Conference Meetings

I would like to meet with the following CRL staff members:

Staff member:

Topic:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Strategies, routines, or topics I would like to have included on the conference agenda: _____

SIM Workshop Opportunities

Pedagogies for Academic Diversity in Secondary Schools Workshop for Preservice Educators

May 26-30, 1998
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Fee: \$510

This workshop is designed for college/university faculty involved in teacher education programs preparing teachers primarily responsible for large group content-area instruction in the general education middle- and high-school settings. This workshop will enable faculty to prepare teachers to implement a variety of empirically validated teaching routines from the SIM Content Enhancement Series. Content will emphasize inclusive course planning and the implementation of a variety of explicit teaching routines designed to ensure content area mastery of critical ideas and concepts. Participants will explore several routines in depth and will be provided with sample syllabi, books, and teaching resources so that Content Enhancement Routines can be infused into existing courses or new courses can be constructed. Information related to meeting additional SIM Content Enhancement Trainer certification requirements for inservice training will be provided. The workshop is conducted by a team of university faculty from five diverse universities. Teams of individuals from the same institution are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by April 1, 1998.

Strategic Instruction Model Workshop Level I

July 21-25, 1998
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Fee: \$395

Teachers who have had no training in SIM or perhaps have been trained in only one or two strategies will benefit from this week. During the five days of

training, teachers will become familiar with the Overview of Content Enhancement and will become prepared to implement one Content Enhancement Routine and the following strategies: SLANT, Paraphrasing, Sentence Writing, Word Identification, Self Advocacy, and FIRST-Letter Mnemonics. Registration is due by May 8, 1998.

Strategic Instruction Model Workshop Level II

July 21-25, 1998
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Fee: \$395

This workshop will provide training for classroom teachers who already have been trained in SIM procedures and have taught some of the strategies. At this advanced session, participants may choose to enroll in the Writing Strategies (Sentence Writing, Error Monitoring, Paragraph Writing, Theme Writing), Reading Strategies (Paraphrasing, Dissect, Visual Imagery, Self-Questioning), other strategies (Vocabulary, Memory, Assignment Completion), the Content Enhancement Routines, or a combination of several routines and strategies. Teachers will make their selections and submit these with their completed registration form and payment for the workshop. Registration is due by May 8, 1998.

Strategic Instruction Model Workshop Content Enhancement

July 21-25, 1998
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Fee: \$395

This workshop is designed to provide an opportunity for teachers to learn new methods to teach large amounts of content to academically diverse classes in "learner friendly" ways. In this hands-on workshop, participants will plan how to use the Content ►

More information about 1998 sessions

All of the workshops described on these pages will be offered at the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning in Lawrence, Kansas.

The training fees listed for each workshop cover the cost of materials provided with the training. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation, housing, and meals.

Applications or registration forms for training are available from Janet Roth, Training Coordinator, KU-CRL, 3061 Dole Center, Lawrence, KS 66045, (785) 864-4780.

Applications available for CE workshop

Applications are now available at the Center for Research on Learning for the Content Enhancement Potential Trainer workshop to be held July 21-25, 1998, at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Certified SIM Trainers have the responsibility of identifying and sponsoring current Content Enhancement teachers who will make excellent Content Enhancement trainers. If you want an application or have questions, contact Janet Roth at (785) 864-4780. Look for more information and application materials in the February issue of *Stratenotes*.

Preconference to focus on innovative training skills

For trainers interested in opportunities to explore topics in depth, we have set aside a day dedicated to learning new training techniques and practicing skills. Two preconference workshops, focused on innovative staff development strategies, are planned for Wednesday, July 8. The cost for the full day is \$30; half day is \$20. Both prices include a buffet lunch.

The morning will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with Jim Knight leading a session on **Partnership Learning**, a research-

validated way for SIM Trainers to present information so that teachers and trainers are equal partners in the learning that takes place. During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the principles and strategies (stories, thinking devices, discussion devices, experiential learning, cooperative learning, and question recipes) of Partnership Learning and then explore ways to use the strategies during training. Participants are asked to bring the notes, overheads, and ►

Workshops

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Enhancement Routines developed at the Center for Research on Learning to enhance the ways they present content and improve students' ability to organize, understand, and remember critical information. Participants will learn all the routines from the Content Enhancement series (Concept Mastery, Anchoring, and Comparison; Lesson, Unit, and Course Organizers; Survey, Clarifying, and Quality Assignment) and then invent ways to implement the routines in their courses. Registration is due by May 8, 1998.

Workshop for Potential SIM Content Enhancement Trainers


July 21-25, 1998
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Fee: \$510

Participants in this workshop will be selected through an application process. Individuals who have previously been trained in and have successfully implemented a variety of Content Enhancement Routines will be trained to begin the process of becoming a Content Enhancement Trainer. To become a certified SIM Content Enhancement Trainer, individuals will be expected to meet additional training requirements after completing the

workshop. Applications will be accepted from individuals who have administrator support and can submit a portfolio of teaching devices showing implementation of a variety of teaching routines throughout a course. Routines are not taught during the workshop; the focus is on the training process. Applications should be postmarked by April 10, 1998.

Workshop for Potential SIM Learning Strategy Trainers

Aug. 3-7, 1998
(Monday-Friday)
Fee: \$510

Participants in this workshop will be selected through an application process. Individuals who have been trained in the Learning Strategies Curriculum and have implemented a variety of learning strategies will be trained to be potential trainers. Teachers need to have implemented at least four strategies; supervisors and coordinators must have implemented at least two strategies with at least one student. Strategies are not taught at the workshop. The focus is on the training process. To become a certified trainer, a set of requirements must be met after the week of training. Applications should be postmarked by April 10, 1998. 

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other resources they will need to thoroughly restructure the way they train a learning strategy or Content Enhancement Routine.


Beginning at 1:30 p.m., Mike Hoch and preconference participants will explore "Learning from Students in SIM Workshops."

Although modeling instruction of SIM strategies and routines is an effective way to help teachers prepare for classroom implementation, often it is not enough to ensure that teachers have attained instructional proficiency. Participating in activities that allow for realistic practice and positive and corrective feedback can greatly improve teachers' level of comfort with specific strategies and their rate of implementation.

During this workshop, participants will explore professional development activities in which workshop



participants actually teach students the strategies they are learning. Participants will learn a condensed "Strategic Tutoring Strategy," teach the strategy to local students, and critique videotapes of their tutoring sessions. Participants will be able to employ this technique in leading future workshops.

For more information about these special preconference workshops, contact Mike or Jim at the Center for Research on Learning. 

Wizards of SIM continental breakfast

The 1998 National SIM Trainers' Conference will feature a new way for participants to exchange information.

Our traditional poster session will include a "kaleidoscope" minisession designed to allow more people to trade ideas, tips, and successes. During this minisession, participants will move through several stations, hearing three-minute presentations at each one.

The rest of the poster session time will be devoted to browsing traditional posters and indulging in a continental breakfast.

If you have an idea that doesn't lend itself well to a traditional poster, consider presenting it during the kaleidoscope session. Please also be thinking of ideas you can present in the traditional poster format.

For more information about participating in either the traditional poster session or the kaleidoscope session, contact Gwen Berry by phone at (785) 864-0625 or by e-mail at gwen@eagle.cc.ukans.edu.

Speakers

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Hudson, whose "class-within-a-class" (CWC) model is one of the most frequently used service delivery models in schools today, is a staunch advocate of the Strategic Instruction Model. He incorporates both learning strategies and content enhancements into different CWC configurations. Given the challenges confronting teachers in delivering intensive skill/strategy instruction within the context of inclusive settings, Hudson's work on service delivery systems across all grades is especially relevant.

Hudson is highly in demand as a keynote speaker and presenter of educational workshops. He has worked with hundreds of school districts throughout the world.


Hudson, who received the 1997 Award of Excellence from the Kansas CEC Federation and who is the former president of the Division for Learning Disabilities of the CEC, was invited to the White House to present to congressional and White House staff on

the importance of legislation supporting learning disabilities.

Hudson is a professor of special education at the University of Kansas and is a former high school teacher, special education teacher, principal, and director of special education.

Lavoie, who holds several degrees in special education, is headmaster at Riverview School in East Sandwich, Massachusetts. Riverview's mission is to provide state-of-the-art services to adolescents with special educational needs.

Among Lavoie's credits are the video "Understanding Learning Disabilities: How Difficult can this be? The F.A.T. City Workshop."

In the F.A.T. City Workshop, parents, educators, psychologists, and social workers participate in a series of classroom activities that cause Frustration, Anxiety, and Tension. The tape allows viewers to look at the world through the eyes of a child with learning disabilities. 

Strateworks memberships

This issue of *Stratenotes* is being sent to all trainers, active and inactive. One of the requirements for being considered active is that you must maintain a current membership in Strateworks. If you received *StrateDirectory* and *StratePubs* with this mailing, your membership is current. If you received *Stratenotes* alone, please take a moment to renew your membership and retain your active status in the SIM Training Network. ***You must be an active member of the SIM Training Network to be eligible to purchase training materials.***

Send completed form and \$35
to KU-CRL
3061 Dole
Lawrence, KS 66045

Strateworks renewal

Name: _____

Home address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Work address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

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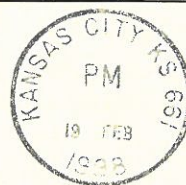
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