

## Educational Assistant Online Learning Resources Fall 2025

### PART A

Session	Session Title and Presenter	Content Focus (Session Description)	Links and Resources
1	<b>Understanding and Teaching Executive Functioning Skills</b>  with Shannon Fraser	This session will explore the core executive functioning skills (like planning, organization, and working memory) and their vital role in student learning and behavior. Participants will gain practical, evidence-based strategies for teaching and supporting the development of these essential self-regulation skills in the classroom.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: No Passcode Resources: Included in slides
2	<b>Supporting Reluctant Writers</b>  with Kim Tackaberry	Discover actionable strategies to help students who struggle with or are unmotivated by writing tasks. This session will focus on techniques to build confidence, generate ideas, and overcome writing anxiety, turning reluctant writers into more engaged communicators.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: Bn2tEbm^ Resources: Included in slides
3	<b>How Do You Help Them (Sitting Beside: Strategies to Encourage Learners)</b>  with Cheryl Babin	Learn effective, one-on-one support strategies based on the "sitting beside" model to maximize student engagement and understanding. The session will provide practical tools for educators and educational assistants to guide, prompt, and encourage learners without simply giving them the answer.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: 5s!ZE18x Resources: Included in slides And this <a href="#">Learn &amp; Go: Regulation and Co-regulation</a>
4	<b>The Trauma Informed Education Assistant</b>  with Adelee Penner	This session will equip educational assistants with a foundational understanding of the impact of childhood trauma on learning and behavior. Participants will learn how to use a trauma-informed approach to create a safe, supportive classroom environment and appropriately respond to the needs of vulnerable students.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: 5a0J&SZ0 Resources: Included in the slides and the Creating Safe Spaces: <a href="#">Poll Results</a> from our session.



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5	<b>Empowering Learning with AI: Practical Strategies for Educational Assistants</b>  with Adelee Penner	AI is transforming the way we teach and learn—and educational assistants are at the heart of this change. In this interactive, two-hour online session, we'll explore how AI tools can help you support students more effectively, spark engagement, and make daily classroom tasks easier.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: FA5.w?6z <a href="#">Resources</a> from our session.
6	<b>Supporting Student Mental Health: Building Calm, Connected Classrooms</b>  with Adelee Penner	Every student carries a story - and sometimes that story includes experiences that make it harder to focus, learn, or connect. You'll come away from the session with renewed confidence, practical strategies, and a deeper understanding of how to make classroom places where every student - and adult - can thrive.	<a href="#">Resources</a> from our session including a link to the slide deck.. <b>This session will NOT be recorded</b>
7	<b>Lighting the Path: Helping Students Discover What Drives Them</b>  with Shannon Fraser	This session explores how educators can help students connect their learning to their passions, strengths, and future goals. By linking classroom experiences to real-life meaning, we can ignite students' intrinsic motivation—their "why." Participants will discover practical strategies, reflection tools, and conversation starters that guide students in recognizing their interests, values, and purpose, turning everyday learning into a pathway toward what's next.	Resources <a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> <a href="#">Read AI Report (Notes &amp; Chapters)</a>



## PART C

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8	<b>EA Strategies to Support Struggling Readers</b>  with Cheryl Babin	Every day, Education Assistants play a key role in helping students unlock the world of reading. This interactive session focuses on practical, evidence-based strategies to support struggling readers – whether you're sitting beside an individual learner, working with a small group, or supporting literacy across the curriculum. Come ready to collaborate, learn, and leave inspired with fresh ideas to make a difference for your struggling readers.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> Passcode: dc5C#*M?  Resources: APLC Literacy Resource: <a href="https://www.readingrockets.org/helping-all-readers/why-some-kids-struggle">Small Group Instruction Collection</a> <a href="https://www.readingrockets.org/helping-all-readers/why-some-kids-struggle">https://www.readingrockets.org/helping-all-readers/why-some-kids-struggle</a>
9	<b>Place Value Strategies in Math for EAs (Gr 3-9)</b>  with Ulana Soletsky	Ready to boost your students' number sense and make math accessible to all? What if the students you support could effortlessly think about numbers in flexible ways to solve problems in their heads? This interactive workshop provides the essential key to unlocking that powerful skill. As an Educational Assistant, you're on the front lines of student understanding. Join us for a hands-on session where you'll explore powerful, practical strategies that build a rock-solid, conceptual understanding of place value - for both whole numbers and decimals.	Resources <a href="#">Slide Deck</a> <a href="#">Interactive Math Tool - Pearson Education</a> <a href="#">Ulana's Wakelet</a>
10	<b>Title: Picture This! Sparking Learning Through Visuals</b>  with Adelee Penner	Big learning often starts with simple pictures. When students can see what's expected, they feel safe to take risks, try new things, and grow their independence. In this lively, hands-on session, we'll roll up our sleeves and explore how visuals—like picture cues, step-by-step task boards, visual schedules, and quick sketches—can turn everyday routines into powerful learning moments.	<a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Zoom Recording</a> - we are missing a piece as I was late resuming recording after a breakout conversation. Passcode: uX16zx+U <a href="#">Resources</a>

