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## **EMPLOYMENT: REAL OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF-BLIND**

### **A TWO-PART HYBRID COURSE**

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**PART 1 Online** – September 21 - Oct 2, 2020 Online participation required for course completion

**PART 2 On-site** – October 7 - 9, 2020 at the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, NY

*Facilitated by:*

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This seminar is aimed at preparing vocational rehabilitation counselors and placement specialists as well as job developers and other related professionals with knowledge and skills needed to support individuals who are deaf-blind in finding and maintaining fulfilling employment that leads to an increased quality of life.

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a general understanding of the diversity within the deaf-blind population.
- Identify community and employment options for individuals with a combined vision and hearing loss.
- Identify strategies that support the job development process.
- Identify techniques to assist with successful job placement for individuals who are deaf-blind
- List strategies and accommodations that will enable deaf-blind individuals to participate in work environments alongside non-disabled peers.
- Describe strategies and accommodations that will assist deaf-blind individuals in interacting with their employer and co-workers.
- Identify various resources that may be of assistance in supporting the needs of an individual who is deaf-blind.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – September 7, 2020**

[https://www.helenkeller.org/sites/default/files/docs/application\\_2018.pdf](https://www.helenkeller.org/sites/default/files/docs/application_2018.pdf)

For information email: [PLD@hknc.org](mailto:PLD@hknc.org)

CRC credits provided  
at completion of both  
online and on-site trainings



**COST: \$900**

Includes online and onsite training,  
training materials, CRC credits and  
three days lodging and meals\*\*.

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**LOCATION:** The seminar will be held in the Leona and Harry B. Helmsley Conference Center on the campus of the Helen Keller National Center, a beautiful 25-acre facility in Sands Point, Long Island, NY. The Center is convenient to most NYC area airports. Housing is available on campus on a first come/first served basis.

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** This course is for vocational rehabilitation counselors and placement specialists, job developers, and other professionals in need of knowledge and skills related to supporting individuals who are deaf-blind in finding and maintaining employment. Each applicant will be individually considered. Sign language skills are not required. If you are uncertain about applicant qualifications please contact [PLD@hknc.org](mailto:PLD@hknc.org)

**COURSE STRUCTURE:** This is a two-part seminar and participation in **BOTH** sections is required to earn CEUs and a Certificate of Participation. Part I will be an asynchronous online segment to be completed prior to the seminar. Part II will be held at the HKNC campus and will include case-studies, work-site visits, student panels, and placement planning workshops.

**Part I** – Online: Monday, September 21 - Friday, October 2, 2020 (REQUIRED)

**Part II** – On-Site: Wednesday, October 7 through Friday, October 9, 2020

Wednesday — 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday — 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday — 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**COST:** \$900 — Includes online training, three days of on-site training, training materials, three nights lodging and three meals a day. Housing is available on campus on a first come first served basis and all rooms are double occupancy. For information about on-campus rooms or local hotels, please contact [pld@hknc.org](mailto:pld@hknc.org).

Residence Check-in available Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Check-out at 8:00 am on Friday, October 9, 2020 (please note Friday activities end at 3pm)

**APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY September 7, 2020**

*Cancellation Policy upon Request from Helen Keller National Center*

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payment to: Information, Research and Professional Development Department  
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Registration: [https://www.helenkeller.org/sites/default/files/docs/application\\_2018.pdf](https://www.helenkeller.org/sites/default/files/docs/application_2018.pdf) (PDF)

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