

# **SPECIAL EDUCATORS: Accelerate Progress for Students With IEPs By Making the Best Use of Differentiation, Accommodations, and Modifications**



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

## **Petra Nelson**

Outstanding Special Education Teacher and National Presenter

**Specifically Designed for Grades K-12 Teachers, Special Education Resource Specialists, Special Education Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and Other Professionals Who Support Students With Special Needs**

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**Dozens of practical strategies** to increase the success of students with special needs

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**Highly effective modifications** that provide maximum benefits and help your students with special needs make greater gains from every lesson you teach

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**Timesaving ways to determine the most appropriate accommodations** to meet individual students' academic and behavioral needs

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**Time-efficient strategies designed to remove learning barriers** and support access to grade level curriculum

### **LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS**

**April 1**

**9 AM Eastern**, 8 AM Central,  
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**April 7**

**9 AM Central**, 8 AM Mountain,  
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### **CAN'T ATTEND?**

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*'This was an amazing day! Petra was extremely knowledgeable and provided a plethora of resources that I intend to use immediately.'*

*- JANNA ARKOW,  
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER*

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"Petra's seminar was great and provided an abundance of resources that I will use now and in the future!"

— NATACHA GENEUS,  
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER



## Who Should Attend

Grades K-12 Teachers,  
Special Education Resource  
Specialists, Special  
Education Teachers,  
Instructional Coaches, and  
Other Professionals Who  
Support Students With  
Special Needs

- 1. Improve the Behavior and Academic Success of Students With Disabilities**  
Strengthen the impact of your instruction and determine the most appropriate means of supporting your students ... Gain a deeper understanding of how differentiation, modifications and accommodations can best be used to support the diverse learning needs of your students with special needs
- 2. Effectively Differentiate Your Instruction Based on Students' Individual Needs**  
Learn proven, teacher-friendly ways to enhance your instruction with the evidence-based practice of differentiated instruction ... Better meet the unique needs of your students with disabilities
- 3. Create More Effective Modifications That Allow Your Students With Special Needs to Benefit From Every Lesson**  
Discover how to create modifications that allow your students with special needs to benefit more from every lesson
- 4. Enhance Your Skills for Making Appropriate Accommodations**  
Accelerate the success of your students with special needs with appropriate accommodations that enable grade-level access ... Learn practical ways to embed student goals in everyday classroom lessons, resulting in greater student growth
- 5. Boost Students' Participation and Engagement**  
Employ innovative ideas for better meeting the needs of your students with disabilities ... Motivate students to take greater responsibility for their learning
- 6. Cutting-Edge Strategies to Support Students' Individual Needs and Goals**  
Strengthen your instructional impact by expanding your repertoire of teaching strategies that provide the most effective supports for students with learning differences
- 7. Enhance Support of Academically and Behaviorally Challenging Students**  
Increase your effectiveness in meeting the needs of *all* your students with special needs ... Learn proven techniques to better address diverse challenging academic and behavioral needs
- 8. Help Students Gain More Meaningful Access to Curriculum Content**  
Eliminate barriers that prevent students with special needs from engaging in meaningful participation ... Here's how!
- 9. Determine Individual Student Progress More Strategically and Effortlessly**  
Discover a variety of practical formative assessment tools you can use to more quickly and accurately progress monitor your students' achievement
- 10. Receive a Comprehensive Special Education Digital Resource Handbook**  
You will receive a comprehensive special education digital resource handbook filled with practical strategies, ideas and techniques to help you accelerate the progress of your students with special needs

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Essential, practical ways** to make best use of differentiation, accommodations and modifications to accelerate the success of your students with special needs
- **Cutting-edge teaching methods** to help students with special needs benefit more from each lesson
- **Innovative ideas** to help you better evaluate individual student needs and goals
- **Easy-to-implement strategies** to make your lessons and activities more efficient, engaging, and beneficial for your students with special needs
- **An expanded repertoire of tools** to better manage the needs of your students with special needs
- **Effective strategies** to boost student participation and engagement in lessons
- **Powerful ways** to help your students with special needs gain more meaningful access to curriculum content
- **Proven strategies** to maximize learning for students with special needs
- **A variety of low-prep ways** to support differentiated instruction for students with special needs
- **Proven strategies** to improve the behavior and academic success of your students with special needs
- **Ideas, Ideas, Ideas** – ways to remove students' learning barriers, improve individual outcomes, help students take more responsibility for their learning, create differentiated lessons based on your assessments, and more!



*"Thank you for all the resources and information!  
I will definitely use this with my students."*

— MICHAEL A. ALLISON, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

As academic standards and grade-level classroom expectations have increased, the needs of students with special needs have grown more diverse. Consequently, the necessary supports for students with disabilities has become ever more important. Many educators struggle in determining the most appropriate supports each student may need. In this seminar, you will learn how to identify the most appropriate strategies for more effectively enabling students to be most successful across diverse learning environments. Experienced special educator and outstanding national presenter **PETRA NELSON** will share a comprehensive approach to differentiation strategies, deepen your understanding of appropriate accommodations, and help improve your implementation of effective modifications. **You will leave with dozens of highly practical, effective strategies and an extensive digital resource handbook to help improve your effectiveness in meeting the needs of your students with special needs.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Petra Nelson



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**PETRA NELSON** is a highly experienced special education teacher, national and international presenter. With decades of grades PreK-12 experience, Petra has worked in self-contained, resource and co-taught special education settings. She has worked with thousands of teachers and administrators in all areas of special education, including specialized instruction, behavior support, inclusive practices, transition programs, differentiation, multi-tiered system of supports, administrative procedures and co-teaching implementation. Petra knows firsthand the challenges facing special educators in supporting students with disabilities. She is passionate about providing real, practical strategies for helping students make maximum gains through meaningful accommodations, modifications and differentiated instruction. Petra is also the author of *SPECIAL EDUCATORS: Accelerate Progress for Students With IEPs By Making the Best Use of Differentiation, Accommodations, and Modifications*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. **You will leave this seminar re-energized and equipped to accelerate the success of your students with disabilities. The emphasis will be on practical approaches that are evidence-based and highly effective, while also being efficient, saving you valuable teacher time.**

Dear Colleague:

In my years as a special educator I have learned that teaching students with special needs is not easy. We are charged with supporting rigorous instruction that provides access and accelerates learning. But given the ever-increasing demands on our time and resources, we want and need approaches that are evidence-based and impactful, while also being efficient in relation to our time investment.

I am excited to share with you outstanding ways to differentiate your instruction and determine appropriate accommodations and modifications that remove educational barriers and accelerate the success of your students with disabilities. I want to help you accelerate the progress of your students with special needs and to maximize their success. During this unique seminar, my goal is to provide you with numerous strategies you can immediately incorporate into your practice. I want to share practical, timesaving ways to increase your impact on students' academic and behavioral success across educational settings.

The emphasis will be on effective ways of determining appropriate accommodations and modifications that remove learning barriers for your students with special needs. Actively explore evidence-based differentiated instruction practices that will support and accelerate student learning and strengthen the impact of your instruction. Learn practical ways to increase students' engagement and responsibility for their own learning. Gain outstanding, proven strategies for accelerating the progress of your students through differentiation, accommodations, and modifications!

Join your colleagues and me in this fast-paced day designed specifically for educators supporting students with special needs. You will leave this seminar excited, refreshed, and ready to implement high-impact practices and ideas to make a marked difference in the lives of the students you serve.

Sincerely,

Petra Nelson, Ed.D.

**P.S. You will gain many practical techniques and strategies to help you better support your students with special needs across all educational settings.**

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Petra Nelson

*"I have to say this was **one of the best seminars I have attended**. Petra was very informative and I really enjoyed the format. I am glad I was able to attend!"*

– Taylor Kuhn, Special Education Teacher

*"Great day! This was a **wonderful opportunity to enhance my skill set** with the information that Petra presented."*

– Kimberly Appelmans, Special Education Teacher

*"I absolutely loved this seminar. Thanks, Petra!"*

– Annemarie Burdett, Special Education Teacher

*"A great day! The seminar was very well run and Petra shared **lots of terrific resources**."*

– Holly Heller-Schwartz, Special Education Teacher

*"This was a great seminar and it was awesome gaining **so many new ideas**. Thank you!"*

– Jamie Coates, Special Education Teacher

*"Petra's online **LiveBinder of resources** is so helpful! Thank you!"*

– Siby Adina, Educator



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- Key ideas and specific tips for implementing strategies presented in the seminar
- Techniques to increase active engagement and motivation, while also helping students with special needs take greater responsibility for their own learning
- Essential ways to accelerate success for students with special needs
- Differentiated strategies to support students with disabilities across all educational settings
- How to better determine appropriate accommodations and modifications to remove learning barriers for students with disabilities

## Share Ideas

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in accelerating the success of students with special needs.

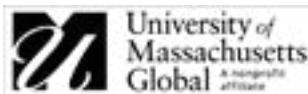
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## Registration (XMN6S1)

- 1. April 1, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Eastern)
- 2. April 7, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Central)  
—or—
- 3. I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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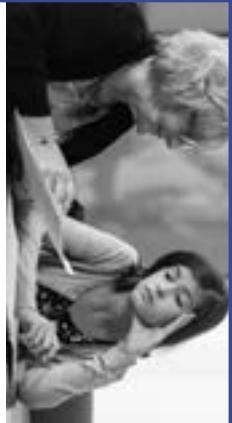
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