

SMARTT UPDATES
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1) NEW WAITLIST SEARCH FEATURE

The new “Wait List Search Screen” is released. This screen will replace the current “List” screen. When exporting the information, select the Comma Separated Format (.csv file) option so that the data is displayed in separate cells for analysis purposes. It is a good idea to save the opened file in “Excel” format for easier retrieval in Excel later.

The final screen to be released is the “Add Waitlist” screen which will have tabs similar to the “Add Student” screen. The current screens are still available while we add the new screens.

2) CLARIFICATION ON DATA ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPEMNT

Last month’s mailing described the new professional development screen in the staff section where users record trainings that staff attend other than those provided by SABES. We received a few questions regarding the types of activities that are sponsored by SABES. Each year we negotiate a workplan with SABES for the types of trainings we expect them to deliver for our field. These trainings are all listed on the SABES calendar (<http://calendar.sabes.org>). If someone attended a DOE sponsored training such as New Director Orientation or the initial MAPT trainings offered by Jane Schwerdtfeger, these will be entered by DOE. If anyone has further questions about what SABES or DOE sponsors, please contact Sharon Artis-Jackson, Program Developer for Professional Development.

These are some examples of trainings and who needs to enter the data:

SABES	DOE / ACLS	PROGRAM
Strategies for ESOL Pronunciation	New Directors Orientation	NRS on-line course
SMARTT New User	MAPT Training (given by Jane Schwerdtfeger from ACLS at beginning of FY07)	Using SPSS sponsored by Statistics Inc.
MAPT Training (given by SABES staff)		Teaching Reading for ESL sponsored by public school
		MAPT Training – given by colleagues previously trained in the MAPT

3) PROGRAM PLANNING FOR FY08

The following documents that were given out at the ABE Program Design Refresher trainings have been posted on the ACLS website under the SMARTT System Information section:

Program Planning for FY08

- Program Planning Changes for FY08
- Program Planning Steps for FY08
- Program Plan User Guide
- Program Plan Reference Guide
- Program Plan Checklist
- Sample Budget Narrative #1 (same example used in previous years)

4) MAPT RESULTS

The MAPT scores that are transferred from UMass are now updated in SMARTT twice a day --- at 5 AM and 5 PM. You will see the test scores in the OWL Results screen and the student assessment screen.

5) SMARTT TRAINING SCHEDULE

The updated training schedule is listed below. Please make sure that appropriate staff attend the scheduled upcoming trainings. Notify your SABES regional office as soon as possible with future SMARTT/Cognos training needs so SABES can schedule appropriate trainings. For contact information, see <http://www.sabes.org/staff.htm>. To register for these and other trainings, please go to <http://calendar.sabes.org/> and click on your region or contact the regional offices directly.

SMARTT TRAINING SCHEDULE

4/13/07

SMARTT NEW USER TRAININGS

A workshop for those new to the system (follow-up to be arranged with the trainer)

4/27/07	Boston ALRI	Akira Kamiya	9:30 – 3:30
5/3/07	Holyoke CC	Charlie Herbert	9:30 – 3:30

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(open lab, demo, and/or discussion for experienced users)

4/13/07	Pittsfield ALC	Charlie Herbert	10:00 - 12:00	<i>Focus: Goal Follow-up/Assessment Reports</i>
6/7/07	NECC	Patty Ball	10:00 - 12:00	<i>Focus: Ending the Fiscal Year</i>
6/20/07	Bristol CC	Dan Chisholm & Akira Kamiya	10:00 - 12:00	<i>Focus: Ending the Fiscal Year</i>
6/22/07	Boston ALRI	Akira Kamiya	10:00 - 12:00	<i>Focus: Ending the Fiscal Year</i>

SMARTT REPORTING (COGNOS) TRAINING AND UPDATES

4/13/07	Pittsfield ALC	Charlie Herbert	1:00 - 3:00	<i>Focus: Intermediate Cognos</i>
6/7/07	NECC	Patty Ball	1:00 - 3:00	<i>Focus: New Look and Feel of Cognos</i>
6/13/07	Quinsigamond CC	Eunice Snay	1:00 - 3:00	<i>Focus: New Look and Feel of Cognos</i>
6/20/07	Bristol CC	Charlie Herbert	1:00 - 3:00	<i>Focus: New Look and Feel of Cognos</i>
6/22/07	Boston ALRI	Akira Kamiya	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Focus: New Look and Feel of Cognos</i>

Please call or e-mail the Regional Technology Coordinator holding the trainings to register. If these sessions will not meet your needs, please call a Regional Technology Coordinator.

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