



**Southern Tier
Learning
Place**

Professional Development Seminars for NYSUT Members

**Seminar Catalog
2018 – 2019**



NYSUT Member,

As your union, NYSUT has placed a strong emphasis on professional learning. We know you are continually looking for training opportunities relevant to your professional needs. With that in mind, we have created the Southern Tier Learning Place to provide our teacher and school-related professional members with high-quality seminars that will enhance your knowledge, give you the tools necessary to become the best that you can be within your profession and that satisfy the Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) hours requirement for teachers and Level III teaching assistants. These seminars offer a wonderful and valuable benefit for NYSUT members.

Through our Southern Tier Learning Place we have scheduled 2-hour and 3-hour seminars each month, except for May and June due to testing and end-of-year activities. Seminars from October to April will begin at 4:30 PM, and the July and August seminars will begin at 10:00 AM. The seminars were selected because of their broad appeal and their focus on the identified needs of teachers and school-related professionals in this area.

While class size is limited, you are welcome to attend as many seminars as you can fit into your schedule. NYSUT is absorbing the cost for the seminars as long as there are 15 participants. We cannot run it with less than 10. **Therefore, please consider your registration as your commitment to attend.**

The Southern Tier Learning Place will be located at the NYSUT regional offices in Elmira and Vestal and the Cortland County Teacher Center in Homer, NY. The seminars to be offered to SRPs and teachers will enhance your work experience and provide you with the tools necessary to our changing profession. The Education & Learning Trust (ELT) will provide the instructors for the high-quality professional learning experience.

Registration for the seminars will be completed through [mylearningplan.com](https://www.mylearningplan.com) by clicking the following link:

https://www.mylearningplan.com/webreg/catalog.asp?D=15191&M=&Term=&btn_View=Search&StartDate=08%2F21%2F2018&EndDate=01%2F31%2F2020&INT_CATEGORYID=891837&Instructor=&Page=1

Participation will be on a first come/first serve basis.

At the completion of the seminar, participants will be provided with a certificate of completion that can be used toward fulfilling CTLE hours.

We encourage you to take advantage of this great program.

In solidarity,

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October 2018

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
October 4, Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success	2 hours	Elmira	Teacher/New Member	Brad McKinney
October 10, Wednesday	Creating a Positive Environment	2 hours	Elmira	Teacher/New Member	Carolyn Hunter
October 24, Wednesday	Dealing with Difficult Students in the School Environment – Violence Prevention (H&S)*	3 hours	Homer	H&S/SRP	Brad McKinney
October 25, Thursday	Disability Awareness (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
October 30, Tuesday	Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior in Schools (H&S)*	3 hours	Vestal	H&S	Theresa Parry-Bick

November 2018

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
November 6, Tuesday	Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*	3 hours	Vestal	H&S/SRP	Lida Bassler
November 8, Thursday	21 st Century Skills for Teachers	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Carolyn Hunter
November 13, Tuesday	The ABCs of Being a Paraprofessional	2 hours	Elmira	New Member/SRP	Brad McKinney
November 15, Thursday	Effective Discipline Strategies	2 hours	Homer	New Member	Brad McKinney

December 2018

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
December 4, Tuesday	Supporting Students with Autism (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
December 11, Tuesday	Constructivist Teaching and Learning	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Brad McKinney
December 13, Thursday	Disability Awareness (H&S)*	3 hours	Homer	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
December 19, Wednesday	Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*	3 hours	Homer	H&S Seminar	Lida Bassler

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January 2019

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
January 3, Thursday	Classroom Management	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Lida Bassler
January 8, Tuesday	Engaging the Disruptive Student (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S Seminar	Brad McKinney
January 10, Thursday	Supporting Students with Autism (H&S)*	3 hours	Vestal	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
January 15, Tuesday	Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success	2 hours	Vestal	New Member	Judy Brown and Sharon Wells
January 17, Thursday	Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior in Schools (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S Seminar	Brad McKinney

February 2019

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
February 6, Wednesday	Effective Discipline Strategies	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Brad McKinney
February 11, Monday	Dealing with Difficult Students in the School Environment – Violence Protection (H&S)*	3 hours	Vestal	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
February 20, Wednesday	Classroom Management	2 hours	Homer	New Member	Theresa Parry-Bick
February 26, Tuesday	Educators Valuing Diversity	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Brad McKinney

March 2019

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
March 6, Wednesday	Poverty's Effect on Students	2 hours	Homer	New Member	Brad McKinney
March 11, Monday	Poverty's Effect on Students	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Carolyn Hunter
March 19, Tuesday	21 st Century Skills for Teachers	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Brad McKinney
March 21, Thursday	Engaging the Disruptive Student (H&S)*	3 hours	Homer	H&S Seminar	Brad McKinney
March 25, Monday	Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S/SRP	Brad McKinney

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April 2019

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM**

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
April 3, Wednesday	Strategies for Student Engagement	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Carolyn Hunter
April 9, Tuesday	Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S Seminar	Brad McKinney
April 11, Thursday	Supporting Students with Autism (H&S)*	3 hours	Homer	H&S/SRP	Carolyn Hunter
April 18, Thursday	The ABCs of Being a Paraprofessional	2 hours	Vestal	New Member/SRP	Lorna DeSantis

July 2019

Seminars Begin at 10:00 AM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
July 9, Tuesday	Classroom Management	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Brad McKinney
July 16, Tuesday	21 st Century Skills for Teachers	2 hours	Vestal	New Member	Carolyn Hunter
July 18, Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success	2 hours	Homer	New Member	Theresa Parry-Bick
July 24, Wednesday	The ABCs of Being a Paraprofessional	2 hours	Elmira	New Member/SRP	Lorna DeSantis
July 25, Thursday	Constructivist Teaching and Learning	2 hours	Vestal	New Member	Teresa Sauro

August 2019

Seminars Begin at 10:00 AM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
August 6, Tuesday	Creating a Positive Environment	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Lida Bassler
August 8, Thursday	Dealing with Difficult Students in the School Environment – Violence Protection (H&S)*	3 hours	Elmira	H&S/SRP	Brad McKinney
August 12, Monday	Educators Valuing Diversity	2 hours	Vestal	New Member	Teresa Sauro
August 14, Wednesday	Strategies for Student Engagement	2 hours	Elmira	New Member	Carolyn Hunter
August 21, Wednesday	Creating a Positive Environment	2 hours	Homer	New Member	Theresa Parry-Bick

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Seminar Descriptions

21st Century Skills for Teachers

This seminar is designed to address one of the NYS Teaching Standards priorities by helping teachers understand that knowledge is expanding at a more rapid rate than ever anticipated. Information and communication are changing how we teach and how students learn. Routine skills are no longer the basis for the workplace or the classroom. The seminar will emphasize that today's students and teachers must be able to communicate, share, and use information in a number of diverse ways. We will discover together that using information and solving complex problems as we adapt and innovate to a changing work environment is critical to student success in our world. Technology and problem solving skills will be defined as successful learning and the participants will develop strategies to share those skills with their students. Duration: 2-hours.

November 8, 2018, Elmira
March 19, 2019, Elmira
July 16, 2019, Vestal

The ABCs of Being a Paraprofessional

In this seminar participants will identify the knowledge and skills they bring to their job, understanding the roles and responsibilities of the SRP compared to the classroom teacher, and gain knowledge of legal and ethical standards, including confidentiality. Duration: 2-hours.

November 13, 2018, Elmira
April 18, 2019, Vestal
July 24, 2019, Elmira

Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior in Schools (H&S)*

Special needs students experience many challenges and frustrations in the classroom. Their response is often to resist efforts of teachers and SROs to support and guide them. This resistance may be shown in mild or passive ways, or in more active ways, such as acting out anger and aggression through outbursts, tantrums, or throwing things. This seminar will focus on strategies for managing the behavior of students who act out, especially in more aggressive and disruptive ways. Participants will discuss the need to teach students to take responsibility for their own behavior, review a plan for ensuring they have the knowledge and skills to successfully change their behaviors, and practice strategies for addressing specific misbehaviors. Confrontation strategies and strategies such as re-direction, cause and effect, and overcorrection will be explored and practiced. Duration: 3-hours.

October 30, 2018, Vestal
January 17, 2019, Elmira
April 9, 2019, Elmira

Classroom Management

Learn how to establish a framework for developing a personal system of classroom management that includes organizing the classroom to facilitate learning and enhancing the competence of all students. This seminar will model and investigate several conditions that are integral to an effectively managed classroom. Duration: 2-hours.

January 3, 2019, Elmira
February 20, 2019, Homer
July 9, 2019, Elmira

Constructivist Teaching & Learning

This seminar will address one of the priorities of the NYS Teaching Standards. Teachers must consider how each student learns. Understanding how to address this in the classroom means that teachers must implement a variety of instructional strategies. Participants will explore how students learn when they "build" the learning for themselves. When students are asked to classify, analyze, predict and create, they begin to think critically and ask questions in order to understand the complex material presented to them in school and in the world. Duration: 2-hours.

December 11, 2018, Elmira
July 25, 2019, Vestal

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Creating a Positive Environment

A positive classroom environment is a major ingredient of effective schools. When students are comfortable in a learning situation, the likelihood for success is greatly increased. This seminar will address verbal communication, positive phrasing, motivation theory, and learner needs. Activities will help participants to integrate these topics.

Duration: 2-hours.

October 10, 2018, Elmira

August 6, 2019, Elmira

Dealing with Difficult Students in the School Environment – Violence Prevention (H&S)*

This seminar will offer strategies for dealing with students who exhibit chronic and extreme misbehavior, including violence. Participants will learn what motivates students to misbehave, intervention techniques to use at the moment of misbehavior, how to avoid and defuse confrontations, and ways to reinforce desirable behavior. Duration: 3-hours.

October 24, 2018, Homer

February 11, 2019, Vestal

August 8, 2019, Elmira

Disability Awareness (H&S)*

Participants will acquire a general understanding of the thirteen disability categories and key concepts related to the education of students with disabilities. Participants will experience what it is like to have a disability and learn strategies for improving student learning and behavior. Duration: 3-hours.

October 25, 2018, Elmira

December 13, 2018, Homer

Discipline Strategies

This seminar takes a comprehensive look at student-centered discipline and offers a plan of action for teachers who wish to establish a positive classroom learning environment. Teachers learn how to set expectations and design strategies to prevent discipline problems. Duration: 2-hours.

November 15, 2018, Homer

February 6, 2019, Elmira

Engaging the Disruptive Student (H&S)*

What can you do when you have students who disrupt the learning in your classroom? This seminar will discuss the many strategies to enhance personal effectiveness with disruptive students and get student learning back on track. Duration: 3-hours.

January 8, 2019, Elmira

March 21, 2019, Homer

Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success

The seminar uses videos, handouts and discussion points to help teachers prepare for a conference with parents. The seminar also helps establish or improve communication involving the teacher, student and parents. Duration: 2-hours.

October 4, 2018, Elmira

January 15, 2019, Vestal

July 18, 2019, Homer

Poverty's Effect on Students

This seminar examines the relationship between poverty, achievement and education. It engages educators in conversations about how they can effectively begin viewing their role as a crucial impetus for student learning in their classroom and school. Duration: 2-hours.

March 6, 2019, Homer

March 11, 2019, Elmira

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Strategies for Student Engagement

This seminar addresses one of the most critical priorities of the NYSUT Rubric (Danielson and Marzano) and the NYS Teaching Standards upon which student success is based. Teachers new to the profession may have seen these signs of engagement during their student teaching and are challenged as to how to plan for this in their everyday teaching. The seminar will engage them in strategies that will help them sustain wonder, enthusiasm and perseverance for students through their teaching. At some time, new teachers may have felt stymied by traditions of reward and punishment. Our challenge is to help them surpass these very real difficulties and provide a practical model for understanding what our students want and need. Duration: 2-hours.

April 3, 2019, Elmira
August 14, 2019, Elmira

Supporting Students with Autism (H&S)*

Ending the achievement gap between students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers requires addressing the essential factors that can influence their success. This three-hour training provides up-to-date information on the clinical and associated features of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), including Asperger's Disorder. Attention will be given to how these features manifest themselves and present unique instructional and learning challenges within educational settings. The seminar goes beyond the core features of the disorders and covers evidence-based, pro-active strategies for helping children and adolescents with ASDs succeed in schools today. Duration: 3-hours.

December 4, 2018, Elmira
January 10, 2019, Vestal
April 11, 2019, Homer

Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*

Increasingly our students experience exposure to multiple or prolonged traumatic events, such a child abuse, neglect, and exposure to domestic violence. This experience directly affects their social and emotional development and negatively impacts their behavior and academic growth in school. It is becoming more common that educators are faced with the challenges of connecting with educating students who have endured complex trauma. Often the hurt that is felt by the student is placed on the educator and it can manifest in a variety of ways. This seminar will engage participants in understanding the roots of trauma, its prevalence and causes, the characteristics and associated behaviors, as well as learning how to work with traumatized students in a proactive and positive way. Duration: 3-hours.

November 6, 2018, Vestal
December 19, 2018, Homer
March 25, 2019, Elmira

Educators Valuing Diversity

This seminar is designed to help educate students who will be living in a world of diverse communities. It will promote awareness of global differences while identifying shared values. It encourages the understanding of one's own culture as the doorway to understanding other cultures. Duration: 2-hours.

February 26, 2019, Elmira
August 12, 2019, Vestal

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Locations:

Elmira Location:

NYSUT Southern Tier
Elmira Regional Office
100 West Church Street, Suite 200
Elmira, NY 14901

Vestal Location:

NYSUT Southern Tier
Vestal Regional Office
305 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal, NY 13850

Homer Location:

Cortland County Teacher Center
Center for the Arts
72 South Main Street
Homer, NY 13077

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