Selected Learning Materials List:

Identified by Anglophone Stream Service Providers

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Introduction

The purpose of the *Selected Learning Materials List* is to provide adult literacy practitioners with examples of familiar materials and to show how they can continue to be used with the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF). Experienced practitioners who work with Deaf, Native, anglophone, francophone and college-based academic upgrading learners provided examples of learning materials they currently use. The five *Selected Learning Materials Lists* - anglophone, Native, francophone, Deaf and College- include the materials identified by these service providers. The learning materials in each list are categorized by competency. Other competencies that the material fits with and the goal paths it could be used in are identified. Within each *Selected Learning Materials List*, a goal of five examples of learning materials for each of the six competencies was set, totalling 30 learning materials examples for each Selected Learning Materials List. This goal was accomplished for many of the competencies, but not for all competencies in all lists.

Selected learning materials examples meet the following criteria:

- The material is commonly used and effective
- The material links well to one of the competencies
- The material was evaluated using the Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials
 (http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/OALCF LM Checklist Mar 11.doc) available on the OALCF web site
- The materials reflect a wide range of mediums from workbooks to websites

The information in this document was collected and current as of March 2011.

Please note that the Selected Learning Material Lists are **not** comprehensive; there are many excellent learning materials currently used by literacy practitioners that can be used with the OALCF. The *Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials* and accompanying guide, *How to Use the "Checklist for Evaluating Learning Materials"*

(http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/OALCF How to Evaluate Learning Materials Mar 11. pdf), available on the "Linking Learning Materials to the OALCF" page of the OALCF website, support practitioners in making choices of other materials. These learning materials reflect only a sampling of the many materials available to Ontario adult literacy service providers.



Sample Activities Using Authentic Workplace Materials



Description

This booklet contains eight sample activities using authentic workplace materials from industry partners. Each sample activity provides instruction notes, sample tasks, and the authentic documents from the workplace.

How do I find this material?

Available from the Laubach Literacy Ontario website as a downloadable PDF

www.laubach-

on.ca/sites/default/files/Activities%20Booklet%20English.pdf

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Communicate Ideas and Information
- Understand and Use Numbers

Employment	Apprenticeship	Secondary School Credit	Postsecondary	Independence



YouTube



Description

YouTube is a free website where videos that are created are posted and shared. Subjects of interest to the learner can be located by searching the topic. How-to videos on everything from technology to cooking to crafts can be found and used while working with learners. Current events, music videos, inspirational videos, and funny stunts can all be integrated in tasks that learners are working on.

The YouTube Handbook (www.youtube.com/t/yt_handbook_home) can be used by learners to find and watch videos as well as learn about how to make, broadcast, and share videos. YouTube 101 (www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aRIInQzw-A) videos cover common questions about using YouTube.

How do I find this material?

This website can be found at www.YouTube.com

Creating an account is optional

Cost: Free

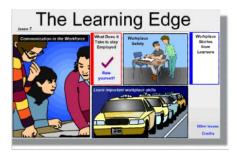
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

Use Digital Technology

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The Learning Edge



Description

This online publication offers a variety of interactive activities and resources. The varied programs and services offered here are key community resources that allow anyone the opportunity to maximize their ability to learn.

How do I find this material?

This online publication can be found at: www.thewclc.ca/edge/ No registration is required

Cost: Free

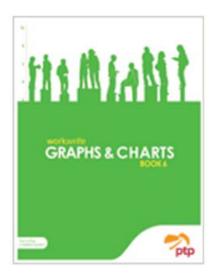
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- Use Digital Technology

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Workwrite: Graphs & Charts



Description

Book 6 of the Workwrite series, *Graphs & Charts* offers an opportunity to interact with visual information displays. It explores everything from bar and line graphs to Gantt charts and pictographs and can be used in both communications and numeracy instruction.

How do I find this material?

This book can be purchased from www.ptp.ca/publications/workwrite-series/

Cost: \$47.75

ISBN: 978-0-9865287-3-6

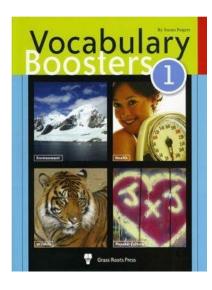
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Vocabulary Boosters Series (1-3)



Description

These workbooks aim to help adult learners develop their vocabulary through reading passages. The workbooks are organized around four themes: health, wildlife, the environment, and popular culture.

Each lesson presents a non-fiction passage that relates to one of the four themes and a set of activities.

Added features include crossword puzzles, word searches, and a glossary.

How do I find this material?

This is available from Grass Roots Press

www.grassrootsbooks.net/ca/workbooks/vocabulary-boosters

Author: Susan Rogers

Cost: \$21.95

ISBN: 978-1-894593-40-3

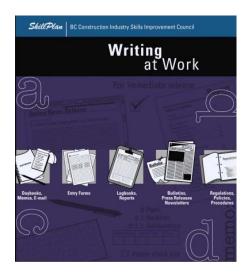
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Writing at Work



Description

Writing at Work is a resource based on the world of work. It describes the writing used in many occupations.

Writing at Work provides suggested practice activities and over 50 workplace documents to work with.

How do I find this material?

This 3-ring binder (280 pages) can be ordered from www.skillplan.ca/English/publications.htm

Editors: Sue Grecki & Sheila Whincup

Cost: \$78.00

ISBN: 0-9685027-4-1

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

· Find and Use Information

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Filling Out Forms



Description

The introduction of this book walks learners through how to prepare for filling out and submitting forms using the 4 basic steps. There are 8 units that use a hands-on approach for forms such as a driver's license application.

How do I find this material?

This book is available from www.newreaderspress.com Cost: \$13.00 (US dollars)

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

Not applicable

Employment	Apprenticeship	Secondary School Credit	Postsecondary	Independence



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Workwrite: Workplace Communications Book 4



Description

The fourth book in the Workwrite series explains and demonstrates various ways individuals within a workplace communicate with each other. The book contains a range of original workplace document types and styles and discusses the use of notices, postings, memoranda, agenda, meeting minutes, fax cover sheets, email work orders, job postings, and letters.

How do I find this material?

This book can be ordered from www.ptp.ca

Author: Karen Geraci

Cost: \$44.75

ISBN: 978-0-9865287-1-2

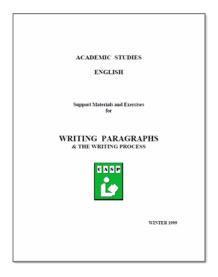
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Academic Studies English: Support Materials and Exercises



Description

Academic Studies: English Support Materials and Exercises is a series of modules for adults improving their literacy skills.

The series includes:

- Vocabulary; Clear Thinking; Spelling Strategies
- Grammar: Parts of Speech, Parts of the Sentence, and Punctuation
- Writing: Paragraphs and the Writing Process, Letters, Longer Essays, Reports
- Employment Communications; Speaking and Listening; Reading
- Comprehension: Introduction, Poetry, Narratives, The Short Story, The Novel, Drama, and Journalism

How do I find this material?

These PDF files are accessible from: www.nald.ca

Author: Leslie Childs

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

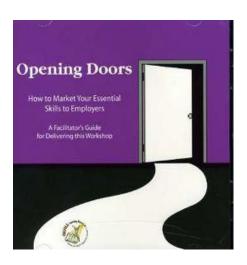
· Find and Use Information

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Opening Doors



Description

This five-module workshop is designed to help learners market their Essential Skills to employers. The modules include marketing Essential Skills through resumes, applications, portfolios, and interviews. Each module contains suggested activities, overheads, handouts, as well as an evaluation form and a certificate of achievement.

How do I find this material?

This CD is available through: www.grassrootsbooks.net

Cost: \$20.00

Publisher: QUILL Learning Network

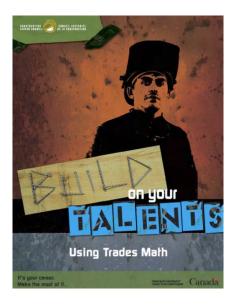
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Build on Your Talents: Using Trades Math



Description

In this workbook, learners apply math operations to solve construction problems, such as measuring in both imperial and metric, using equations and formulae, and using rate, ratio and proportion.

These problem situations are likely similar to the ones encountered on the job in trades.

The 5 sections of the workbook are independent of each other, so learners do not need information from one section to solve the problems in another.

How do I find this material?

This material was created by the Construction Sector Council www.csc-ca.org

The PDF can be downloaded from www.csc-ca.org/en/products/using-trades-math

Cost: Free

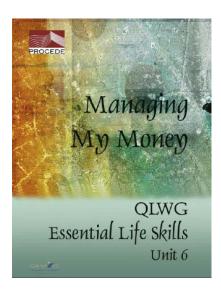
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Managing My Money



Description

Managing My Money is one unit from the QLWG Skills for Life Series. Other units are available for download from www.nald.ca/qlwg/skills.htm and are divided into Essential Life Skills and Individual Life Skills. These units are created to be competency-based and have many opportunities for learners to reflect and work on task-based activities.

How do I find this material?

This was published by Quebec Literacy Working Group and is available from: www.nald.ca/qlwg/publica/skills/unit6.pdf

Cost: Free

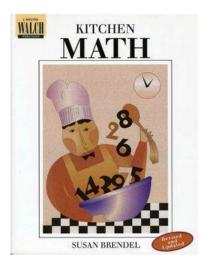
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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- · Communicate Ideas and Information
- Manage Learning

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Kitchen Math



Description

In this book real-life situations are used that involve the selection, purchase and preparation of food. The activities provide learners with practice in the basic math operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Pre- and post-tests and answers are included for the lessons and the tests.

How do I find this material?

This material is a paperback book (59 pages) and can be purchased from Grass Roots Press www.grassrootsbooks.net

Author: Susan Brendel

Cost: \$25.00

ISBN: 978-0-8251-2881-3

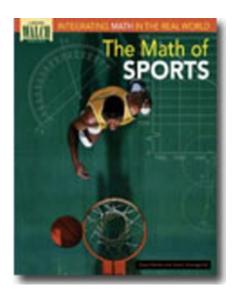
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Integrating Math in the Real World (Series)



Description

Integrating Math in the Real World Series includes three titles: The Math of Foods, The Math of Homes and Other Buildings, and The Math of Sports. This series demonstrates how mathematics shows up in and influences everyday life. The books include lessons, activities, and projects, as well as a practitioner page for each lesson.

How do I find this material?

Three reproducible practitioner books are available to order from www.walch.com

Cost: \$33.00 (US dollars) for the series

ISBN 0-8251-4143-5

ISBN13 978-0-8251-4143-0

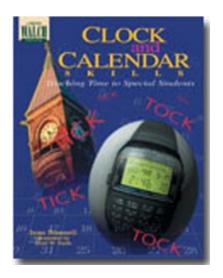
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Clock and Calendar Skills: Teaching Time to Special Students



Description

This workbook includes practical applications of understanding time including worksheets and activities. These worksheets and activities provide opportunities for learners to set an alarm clock, use a timer, or read a bus schedule. This material covers a range of skills from basic time telling to advanced skills that may be required on the job.

Practitioner material accompanies each worksheet and activity listing specific objectives.

How do I find this material?

The reproducible practitioner book can be purchased from www.walch.com

Cost: \$25.00 (US dollars)

ISBN 0-8251-2811-0

ISBN13 978-0-8251-2811-0

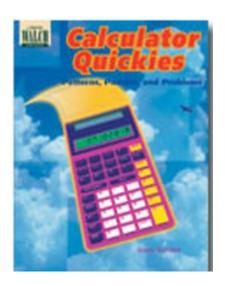
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

Use Digital Technology

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Calculator Quickies: Patterns, Puzzles, and Problems



Description

Eighty challenging mini-activities are included in this reproducible practitioner book. Activities involve using a basic calculator and are arranged by:

- Patterns detecting, predicting, and extending numerical patterns
- Puzzles building number sense and thinking skills
- Problems applying strategies and using calculators appropriately to carry out computations

How do I find this material?

This reproducible Practitioner Book can be found at www.walch.com

Cost: \$22.00

ISBN 0-8251-2637-1

ISBN13 978-0-8251-2637-6

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

Understand and Use Numbers

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Ontario Skills Passport



Description

The *Ontario Skills Passport* website provides information for learners, practitioners, and employers with regard to Essential Skills. Many resources and activities are available on this site including:

Skills Zone (www.skillszone.ca) - learn more about Essential Skills while practicing internet and computer skills in the form of games (trivia, crossword, and word search).

Construction Zone: contains several assignments that include tasks, all based on authentic documents.

The OSP Flowchart: gives practitioners an overview of the site and suggests ways that it can be used with learners.

How do I find this material?

This website can be found at http://skills.edu.gov.on.ca

No registration is needed

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Find and Use Information
- Communicate Ideas and Information
- Understand and Use Numbers

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Practical Money Skills for Life



Description

Explore financial information in greater detail by using this site for forecasting and assessing financial choices.

The Calculators section has many tools that a learner can use to calculate money situations such as Allowance Comparison, Saving for a Goal, and Budgeting for a Baby.

How do I find this material?

This website can be found at www.practicalmoneyskills.com

No Registration Required

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Find and Use Information
- Understand and Use Numbers

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The Learning Hub



Description

The Learning Hub provides a flexible online learning environment for learners in Ontario. Learners and practitioners have options in the type of learning: group, independent and short courses. Courses are offered in literacy, technology, Essential and life skills. A full list of the courses that are offered can be found on their website at www.learninghub.ca.

How do I find this material?

Practitioners or learners can register and view schedule at www.learninghub.ca

Cost: Free

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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- Understand and Use Numbers

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GCFLearnFree.org



Description

This website provides online learning opportunities in the areas of technology, literacy, math, job development, and everyday life skills. For a full list of the courses they offer, check out www.gcflearnfree.org/topics

The computers section provides a range of courses, from computer and internet basics to Microsoft Office and Facebook. Some of the content is in video form, while other areas can be text heavy.

How do I find this material?

More information and courses can be found at www.gcflearnfree.org

No Registration Required

Cost: Free

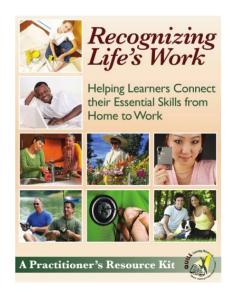
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Recognizing Life's Work: Helping Learners Connect their Essential Skills from Home to Work



Description

Based on interviews with over 100 adult learners in LBS programs, this material identifies Essential Skills in interests, activities, and life tasks. The kit is divided into two main parts:

Leisure Activities: 12 common leisure and home-based activities are profiled using Essential Skills. Practitioners who have learners who participate in the 12 activities can use the materials to help the learners build on their skills and make the link to relevant jobs.

How-To Guide for Recognizing Life's Work: This guide outlines a five-step process, complete with tips and tools for practitioners, to identify learners' leisure skills. It also includes a section on developing Authentic Learning Materials.

How do I find this material?

Created by QUILL Learning Network www.quillnetwork.ca. This resource can be viewed as an ebook on their website www.mygazines.com/title/6607. Using the icons at the top of the page it can also be downloaded as a PDF.

Cost: Free

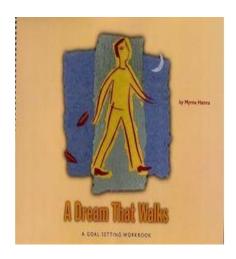
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A Dream that Walks: A Goal Setting Workbook



Description

This easy-to-read workbook will help learners' dreams become real. By setting goals, learners will work toward their dreams by taking charge of their lives. The workbook breaks goal setting into steps, making the goals easier to achieve. This process includes having learners describe themselves, draw a lifeline, record and analyze their dreams for the future, identify their personality type, and analyze their learning style.

How do I find this material?

This book can be found at www.grassrootsbooks.net

Author: Myrna Hanna

Cost: \$19.95

ISBN: 978-0-9695863-6-4

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Goals and Training for Employment Success (mygates.ca)



Description

Mygates.ca is for people who are looking for work but do not plan to go to college or university. On this website, information is available about jobs in Ontario, what people do at work, and which skills you need to be successful.

There is a tutorial video for instructors www.mygates.ca/InstructorsTutorial.html, that contains many hints on how to use this site.

It is based on the NOC codes and Essential Skills. Under the Activities and demonstrations section

http://mygates.ca/actdemos/learlnactdemomain.html, there are examples organized by job and Essential Skills.

This site will be useful to learners and practitioners when exploring jobs and creating training plans, and for practitioners developing tasks for their learners.

How do I find this material?

This website can be found at http://mygates.ca

Cost: Free

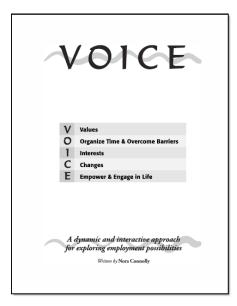
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VOICE



Description

The hands-on activities in this material can be used to gain knowledge and empower participants to make transitions to the world of work by helping them to identify their interests, skills, and, most importantly, their own voice.

The five units include reflecting and clarifying values, enhancing abilities needed to organize time and overcome barriers, finding new or renewed interests, viewing and communicating personal and societal changes, and discovering ways to empower and engage in life.

How do I find this material?

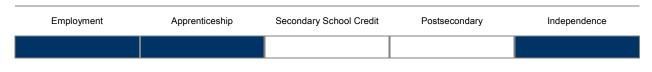
This PDF file can be downloaded from NALD: www.nald.ca

Author: Nora Connolly

Cost: Free

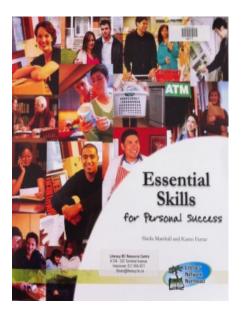
Other competencies this material supports learning in:

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Essential Skills for Personal Success



Description

This practitioner resource introduces the *Essential Skills for Personal Success!* curriculum, developed by Literacy Network Northeast, based in Timmins, Ontario.

The curriculum is divided into four modules that deal with managing basic needs; improving and maintaining health; handling personal issues and relationships; and participating fully as members of the community.

It begins with general guidelines for practitioners teaching the curriculum, and then provides specific guidelines for each module. Material is linked to both Essential Skills and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) levels.

How do I find this material?

Go to http://library.nald.ca/item/9145 for description and instructions

Author: Karen Farrar, Sheila Marshall

Cost: Free

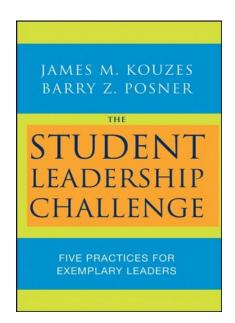
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The Student Leadership Challenge



Description

The Student Leadership Challenge demonstrates how anyone can be a leader, regardless of age or experience. It uses real-life stories and examples exclusively from college students to illustrate The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership®:

- Model the Way
- Inspire a Shared Vision
- Challenge the Process
- Enable Others to Act
- Encourage the Heart

How do I find this material?

Go to www.amazon.ca for more information and to order.

Authors: James M. Kouzes, Barry Z. Posner

Cost: \$23.07

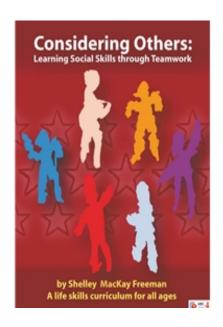
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- · Engage with Others
- Manage Learning

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Considering Others: Learning Social Skills through Teamwork



Description

Teaching social skills and pro-social behaviours is an integral part of the educational process. With a unique approach to teaching, this program uses group process as its core. Students of all ages will learn how to communicate, solve conflicts, make decisions, and cooperate within a group setting. Each new skill builds on the mastery of previously learned skills. With a simple-to-follow scope and sequence, supported by copy-ready activity pages, any willing educator or novice group leader can use this program effectively. Your group will progress through three stages of group development, i.e. trust building, conflict resolution, and productivity as they process the activities.

How do I find this material?

http://www.charactereducation.com/resourcestore/ product/tabid/59/productid/657/sename/considering-otherslearning-social-skills-through-teamwork/default.aspx

Author: Shelly MacKay Freeman

Cost: \$39.95 (US dollars)

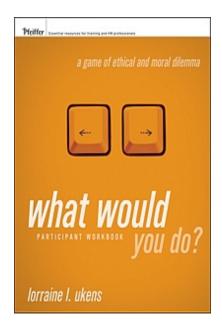
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What Would You Do?



Description

What Would You Do? is an interactive game that offers a hands-on classroom training experience on the core concepts of teamwork and ethical decision making. It is an excellent method of teaching these concepts because participants experience the effects of individual actions and the consequences they can cause.

Learning Outcomes: Explore the opposing but related concepts of collaboration and competition. Learn how to make better choices under pressure. Understand the importance of trust and how it can be lost. Show individuals what it takes to work in a partnership to achieve the best results.

How do I find this material?

Download order form at www.olresources.ca/08/order.php

Author: Lorraine L. Ukens

Cost: not available

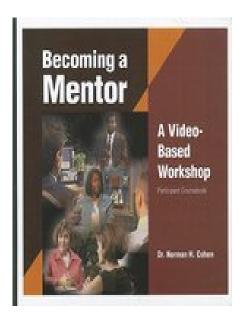
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Becoming a Mentor



Description

This stand alone, ready-to-use video workshop can be the centerpiece of your complete mentoring program.

Each of the videos in this package demonstrates a single critical mentoring behaviour in the context of a collaborative mentor-mentee relationship. Scenes are highly realistic role-plays that model ideal mentoring behaviours for learners. Individuals or mentoring pairs will find these materials ideal for self-directed learning activities.

How do I find this material?

www.amazon.com/Becoming-Mentor-Workbook-Norm-Cohen/dp/0874256860

Author: Norm Cohen

Cost: \$39.95

ISBN-13: 978-0874256864

Other competencies this material supports learning in:

- Find and Use Information
- Communicate Ideas and Information
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