

FREE ONLINE COHORTS for
The Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) Deaf-Blind Modules
in INTERVENTION for Individuals
Having Both Hearing & Vision Impairments (DEAF-BLINDNESS)
for Families, Educators, Paraprofessionals, Related Service Providers, & Administrators

The Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) Deaf-Blind Intervener Learning Modules are a **free** online national resource designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills related to intervention for students who are deaf-blind and are being served in educational and community settings.

Instructional methods used in this Canvas-based Cohort Learning Opportunity:

Readings, Discussion Boards, Assignments based on your Child/Student, Video reviews, Reflections upon experiences, etc.

Benefits to your work:

Apply your learning to your Child/Student • Document & realize Child/Student progress
Obtain regular feedback on your assignments • Gain additional expertise, resources through the Collaborative Learning

Complete EACH Mini-Course in about 7 hours *on your own time!* Complete the entire SET to earn credit.

2026 WINTER Cohorts Schedule for JAN. 7—FEB. 17

All must complete the SET of four Mini-Courses, Welcome & Orientation, #1, 2 & 4 before joining in any other Set!

Cohort 8, Set 9G: #15: Orientation & Mobility-Everyday Routines; #20: Values, Ethics & Professionalism

Cohort 9, Set 7H: #12: Maximizing Vision & Hearing; #19: Assessing Curriculum & Environment
#26: Touch for Connection & Communication

C10, SET 5I: #16: Self-Determination; #17: Social Skills; #24: Transition to Adulthood & Community

Cohort 11, Set 3J: #6: Communication Principles; #7: Emergent Communication #8: Progressing from Non-symbolic to Symbolic

NEWCOMERS to the Courses: Sign up (by midnight) 12/15 to start 1/7/2026 in: Cohort 12, Set 1K includes
Mod. 1: *Overview of Deafblindness & Instructional Strategies*, Mod. 2: *Sensory Systems, Brain & Learning*;
Mod. 4: *Building Trusting Relationships & Positive Self-Image*
Register by clicking on the following link: [**Cohort 12 Set 1K WO & Modules 1, 2 & 4 #10509**](#)

If you have taken the required 1st SET, register for your next Set *before midnight on 12/15/2025!*

[Cohort 8, Set 9G \(Mini-Courses 15, 20\) #9392](#)

[Cohort 9, Set 7H \(Mini-Courses 12, 19 & 26\) #9397](#)

[Cohort 10, Set 5I \(Mini-Courses 16, 17 & 24\) #9398](#)

[Cohort 11, Set 3J \(Mini-Courses 6, 7 & 8\) #9399](#)

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Certificates of Completion are available upon completion of each entire set of Mini-Courses. MS offers between 2.1 & 2.3 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) per Set (S-RESA—\$16.50/ea. Set). • MS SEMIs & OSL are available for Cohort 12, Set 1K only.

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