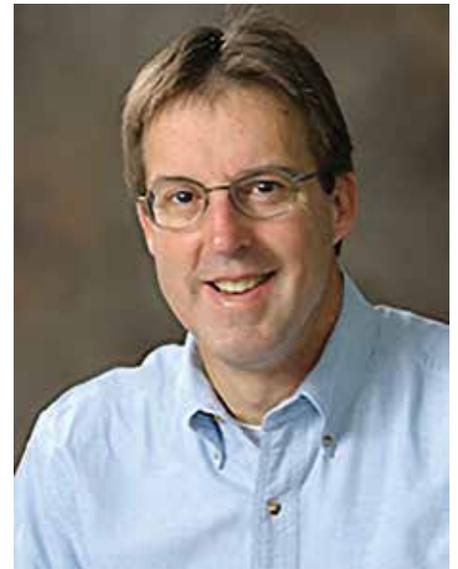


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## A FREE WEB TOOL CREATED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Special Education teachers face a complex and difficult process when developing a plan for their students' learning. Multiple legal requirements for data collection and consultation make each plan unique and time-consuming.



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### A WEB TOOL THAT MAKES IEP DEVELOPMENT STREAMLINED AND EFFECTIVE

**A** new Web tool developed by Dr. James Shriner makes it easier to organize the learning process, meet the needs of students, and pass all legal requirements.

#### THE IEP QUALITY TUTORIAL

Shriner, Professor of Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, developed IEP Quality Tutorial (IEP-Q Tutorial), a tool that helps teachers develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for each student. The tool takes teachers step by step through the process and provides forms to document each step along the way. "The tutorial provides the latest in research, so teachers can focus on what is truly important for the student," Shriner says.

**“We are trying to find something that is practical for the students, practical for the teachers, and communicates well to the parents.”** — James Shriner

"And students of teachers who used the IEP-Q Tutorial did better on reading assessments than students whose teachers did not use the tool. That means better results for students with special needs." The IEP-Q Tutorial provides planning sheets for collecting the data needed to create the best plan. And it offers sample student plans to offer additional ideas for teachers.

#### TOOL AVAILABLE FREE TO ILLINOIS TEACHERS

Shriner's project has been supported by grants totaling over \$1.9 million from the U.S.

Department of Education, the federal Institute of Education Sciences, and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). As part of the ISBE funding agreement, the IEP-Q Tutorial is available free of charge to Illinois teachers.

The tool makes the process easier for teachers, helps them focus on the instruction that will benefit students the most, and students can make great gains in their learning. The IEP-Q Tutorial makes the process a true win-win for everyone. Illinois special education professionals may request access by visiting [iepq.education.illinois.edu](http://iepq.education.illinois.edu).

#### LEARN MORE

To learn more about the IEP-Q Tutorial, contact Shriner at [jshriner@illinois.edu](mailto:jshriner@illinois.edu).



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This new tool makes the process of developing individualized learning plans easier for teachers, and it helps them focus on the instruction that benefits students the most.

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