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# ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

## The Redesigned Naturalization Test – October 1, 2008

Tomorrow marks the release date for the new Citizenship test! Adults who filed before, but will interview on/after October 1 have a choice of taking the old or new test. Adults who file and interview on/after October 1, will take the new test. Take advantage of the following resources to help you help your students better prepare to take the test.

The CLINIC's Webinar: *Preparing for the New Citizenship Test* is archived and available at [www.immigrationadvocates.org](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org). Create a free login and click on "Webinars."

*Citizenship for US: A Handbook on Naturalization and Citizenship* is updated and available as a free download at [www.cliniclegal.org](http://www.cliniclegal.org).

The USCIS has updated their materials to reflect new test questions. Resources available are: Flashcards, quick lessons, vocabulary, toolkits. Visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) or [www.welcometousa.gov](http://www.welcometousa.gov) for free downloads.

Don't forget about Michael Jones' USCIS training at the Statewide PD day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. He's bringing boxes of USCIS resources to share with participants!

The US Citizenship Podcast has been featuring 10 of the 96 questions per day for the last 10 days. Students can listen to the audio of the questions being read and download the handout for more practice. Visit [www.uscitizenpod.com](http://www.uscitizenpod.com).

There was an article in the New York Times last week entitled "Citizenship Seekers Told Not to Fear a New Test." You can read the article at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/24/us/24test.html>.

## Citizenship Library Resources

Updated Resources are beginning to arrive from the publishers. Visit [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org) to reserve your choices or call 800.361.7076.

Lynne Weintraub's *Citizenship: Passing the Test - Civics and Literacy* student text and audio CD, *Literacy Skills* student text and audio CD and Teacher's Guide.

*Citizenship Success at your CIS Interview* by Delta Publishing.

The following titles are no longer in print and available upon request:

\* *Citizenship for Us: A Handbook on Naturalization and Citizenship* by Aliza Becker

\* *Citizenship: Passing the Test - Student Text, Workbook and Teacher's Guide* by Lynn Weintraub

\* *Citizenship Now: A Guide for Naturalization* by Aliza Becker

\* *Getting Your Citizenship: Practice Book for the Citizenship Test* by Echaore-McDavid & Roderman

# ABLE PD Day

October 30, 2008  
Columbus, OH  
9:30 am — 3:30 pm ❄❄



Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center

Trainings offered: BEST Plus, Learning Disabilities 202, The Write Skills for Success, Portfolio Connection, CASAS ESL and Math! Math! Math!

Register at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org)



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## USCIS Training Conference - October 30

The Northeast ABE Resource Center is pleased to announce the USCIS Regional Training Conference for Civics and Citizenship Teachers of Adults as an Ohio TESOL Pre-Conference sponsored by the Ohio Resource Center Network on Thursday, October 30, 2008! This training is designed to help adult civics and citizenship teachers and volunteers improve their skills in teaching U.S. history, civics and the naturalization process to immigrant students. The regional training conference will include sessions on how to effectively teach the history and ideals of our founding documents; to learn the process on how lawful permanent residents become citizens; and to impart information on the redesigned naturalization test. This regional training conference is open to the public. Interested parties must register at [www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration_Form.pdf).

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**Regional PD Days!** Register on the Calendar of Events at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org)

Northeast ABE Resource Center PD Day - October 17

Southwest ABE Resource Center Kickoff - October 17

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## Ohio TESOL Conference - October 31- November 1<sup>st</sup>

Chancellor Fingerhut has confirmed that he will speak at Friday's Awards Luncheon. Denise Pottmeyer, state ABE Director, will present on Transitions to the University System of Ohio and Michael Jones of the USCIS will give a session on the Redesigned Naturalization Test. Governor Strickland has also been invited to attend the conference!

## Extra Special Registration Opportunity!

Once again the Resource Center Network is offering the special professional development opportunity for ABE teachers and staff to contribute to the field and attend the Ohio TESOL Conference! Register through the Northeast ABE Resource Center and **your registration will be paid** plus you will be eligible for up to \$105 reimbursement for hotels and/or meals. (Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations). Slots are limited!

To Register, ABE staff must:

1. Complete the attached ABE Registration Form or visit the Northeast ABE Resource Center website under "Ohio TESOL" in the Highlights at: [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org).
2. Non-members complete the Membership Form with a check for \$25 payable to "Ohio TESOL". \*If you are not a current member of Ohio TESOL, you must join to take advantage of this opportunity!
3. Submit all forms to the Northeast ABE Resource Center, 23131 Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid, OH 44123.
4. DEADLINE is **October 10th!**