ABSTRACT
        This guide was developed to help preservice or
inservice vocational teachers develop their skills in training
students to tutor other students and to make presentations in the
classroom. These experiences will also help teach students to teach
themselves. This module is one in a series of learning packages
focusing upon professional competencies needed by vocational
teachers. Each module provides learning experiences that integrate
theory and application, and each culminates with criterion-referenced
assessment of the teacher's performance of the specific competency.
The information presented in this module is organized in three
learning experiences. The first learning experience focuses on
students and teachers discussing the tutoring experience with their
peers; the second on observing a teacher directing students in
instructing other students; and the third on an actual teaching
situation in which students/teachers can direct students in
instructing other students. Each learning experience consists of an
overview, enabling objective, learning activities, and a self-check
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FOREWORD

This module is one of a series of 127 performance-based teacher education (PBTE) learning packages focusing upon specific professional competencies of vocational teachers. The competencies upon which these modules are based were identified and verified through research as being important to successful vocational teaching at both the secondary and postsecondary levels of instruction. The modules are suitable for the preparation of teachers and other occupational trainers in all occupational areas.

Each module provides learning experiences that integrate theory and application; each culminates with criterion-referenced assessment of the teacher's (instructor's, trainer's) performance of the specified competency. The materials are designed for use by teachers-in-training working individually or in groups under the direction and with the assistance of teacher educators or others acting as resource persons. Resource persons should be skilled in the teacher competencies being developed and should be thoroughly oriented to PBTE concepts and procedures before using these materials.

The design of the materials provides considerable flexibility for planning and conducting performance-based training programs for preservice and inservice teachers, as well as business-industry-labor trainers, to meet a wide variety of individual needs and interests. The materials are intended for use by universities and colleges, state departments of education, postsecondary institutions, local education agencies, and others responsible for the professional development of vocational teachers and other occupational trainers.

The PBTE curriculum packages in Categories A – J are products of a sustained research and development effort by the National Center's Program for Professional Development for Vocational Education. Many individuals, institutions, and agencies participated with the National Center and have made contributions to the systematic development, testing, revision, and refinement of these very significant training materials. Calvin J. Cotrell directed the vocational teacher competency research study upon which these modules are based and also directed the curriculum development effort from 1971 – 1972. Curtis R. Finch provided leadership for the program from 1972 – 1974. Over 40 teacher educators provided input in development of initial versions of the modules; over 2,000 teachers and 300 resource persons in 20 universities, colleges, and postsecondary institutions used the materials and provided feedback to the National Center for revisions and refinement.

Early versions of the materials were developed by the National Center in cooperation with the vocational teacher education faculties at Oregon State University and at the University of Missouri–Columbia. Preliminary testing of the materials was conducted at Oregon State University, Temple University, and the University of Missouri–Columbia.

Following preliminary testing, major revision of all materials was performed by National Center staff, with the assistance of numerous consultants and visiting scholars from throughout the country.

Advanced testing of the materials was carried out with assistance of the vocational teacher educators and students of Central Washington State College; Colorado State University; Ferris State College, Michigan; Florida State University; Holland College, P.E.I., Canada; Oklahoma State University; Rutgers University, New Jersey; State University College at Buffalo, New York; Temple University, Pennsylvania; University of Arizona; University of Michigan–Flint; University of Minnesota–Twin Cities; University of Nebraska–Lincoln; University of Northern Colorado; University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; University of Tennessee, University of Vermont; and Utah State University.

The first published edition of the modules found widespread use nationwide and in many other countries of the world. User feedback from such extensive use, as well as the passage of time, called for the updating of the content, resources, and illustrations of the original materials. Furthermore, three new categories (K-M) had been added to the series, covering the areas of serving students with special/exceptional needs, improving students' basic and personal skills, and implementing competency-based education. This addition required the articulation of content among the original modules and those of the new categories.

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MODULE C-4

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Experienced vocational-technical teachers often say, "I learned more during the first year eaching in my area than I learned in several years working in the area."

The saying "He who teaches others, teaches himself" is very true, not only because constant repetition **impresses a fact indelibly** on the mind, but because the process of teaching in itself gives a **deeper insight** into the subject taught . . . The gifted Joachim Fortius used to say that . . . if a student wished to make progress, he should arrange to give lessons daily in the subjects which he was studying, even if he had to hire his pupils.[1]

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1 Alan Gartner, Mary Conway Kohler, and Frank Riessman, *Children Teach Children Learning by Teaching* (New York, NY Harper & Row, 1971), pp 14–15.

Vocational-technical teachers can arrange to provide their students with the opportunity to "teach others" and thus "teach themselves" by involving the students in making presentations and in tutoring fellow students.

This benefits the persons being tutored because they are getting individualized help. It benefits the tutors because they are having their learning reinforced and strengthened. Finally, it benefits the whole class—instructor and students alike—because they are working together as a team.

This module is designed to give you experiences that will develop your skill in training and using students to tutor other students and to make presentations in your classroom. These experiences, in turn, will help the student to teach him/herself.

ABOUT THIS MODULE

Objectives

Terminal Objective: In an actual teaching situation, direct students in instructing other students. Your performance will be assessed by your resource person, using the Teacher Performance Assessment Form, pp. 21-22 (*Learning Experience III*).

Enabling Objectives:
1. After completing the required reading, demonstrate knowledge of the rationale and procedures for directing students in instructing other students (*Learning Experience I*).
2. Given case studies of teachers using students as tutors and presenters, critique the performance of those teachers (*Learning Experience II*).

Prerequisites

To complete this module, you must have competency in developing a lesson plan. If you do not already have this competency, meet with your resource person to determine what method you will use to gain this skill. One option is to compete the information and practice activities in the following module:

* *Develop a Lesson Plan,* Module 8-4

Resources

A list of the outside resources that supplement those contained within the module follows. Check with your resource person (1) to determine the availability and the location of these resources, (2) to locate additional references in your occupational specialty, and (3) to get assistance in setting up activities with peers or observations of skilled teachers, if necessary. Your resource person may also be contacted if you have any difficulty with directions or in assessing your progress at any time.

Learning Experience I
Optional
Peers with whom you can discuss using students as presenters and tutors.

Learning Experience II
Optional
A *teacher*, experienced in directing students in instructing other students, whom you can observe.
A *peer* to role-play a student whom you are training in the skills needed to conduct a manipulative skill demonstration.

Learning Experience III
Required
An *actual teaching situation* in which you can direct students in instructing other students.
A *resource person* to assess your competency in directing students in instructing other students.

General Information

For information about the general organization of each performance-based teacher education (PBTE) module, general procedures for its use, and terminology that is common to all the modules, see About Using the National Center's PBTE Modules on the inside back cover. For more in-depth information on how to use the modules in teacher/trainer education programs, you may wish to refer to three related documents:

The *Student Guide to Using Performance-Based Teacher Education Materials* is designed to help orient preservice and inservice teachers and occupational trainers to PBTE in general and to the PBTE materials.

The *Resource Person's Guide to Using Performance-Based Teacher Education Materials* can help prospective resource persons to guide and assist preservice and inservice teachers and occupational trainers in the development of professional teaching competencies through use of the PBTE modules It also includes lists of all the module competencies.

The *Implementation Guide for Performance-Based Teacher Education & Competency-Based Staff Development Programs* is designed to help those who will administer the PBTE program. It contains answers to implementation questions, possible solutions to problems, and alternative courses of action.

Learning Experience I

Enabling Objective

After completing the required reading, demonstrate knowledge of the rationale and procedures for directing students in instructing other students.

Activity 1

You will be reading the information sheet, Using Students as Tutors and Presenters, pp. 6–9.

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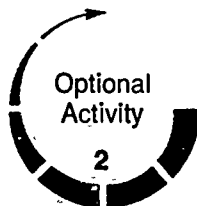
You may wish to meet with a group of peers to discuss using students as presenters and tutors.

Activity 3

You will be demonstrating knowledge of the rationale and procedures for directing students in instructing other students by completing the Self-Check, p. 10.

Feedback 4
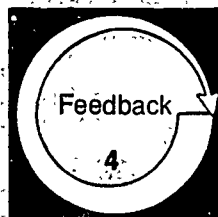
You will be evaluating your competency by comparing your completed Self-Check with the Model Answers, p. 11.

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Using students as instructors benefits everybody—the student-instructors, the students being instructed, and even the teacher. For information on the advantages of using students to instruct other students and on the roles and responsibilities of both teacher and students when students are used as tutors and presenters, read the following information sheet.

USING STUDENTS AS TUTORS AND PRESENTERS

Traditionally, the role of instructor was assigned to the certified teacher under contract to the school. The role of learner was assigned to the people who were enrolled at the school. This role definition is very restrictive. Students **can** act as instructors, and teacher **can** act as learners.

Using students to make presentations or to tutor other students is just such a case in point. However, in order to avoid having a three-ring circus in your classroom, you must know how to plan, direct, and orchestrate these activities. It's well worth the work.

One tends to think that when students are used in teaching roles, the persons who will benefit are the class members viewing the presentation or the students being tutored. This is true. Student tutors or presenters tend to speak the same "language" as their peers. Those who have experienced problems themselves are usually better able to relate to other students experiencing similar problems. A student being tutored by a peer has the opportunity to have a personalized, one-to-one relationship with someone who cares enough to give him/her special attention, to explain concepts, and to give immediate and direct feedback.

STUDENT—
INSTRUCTOR
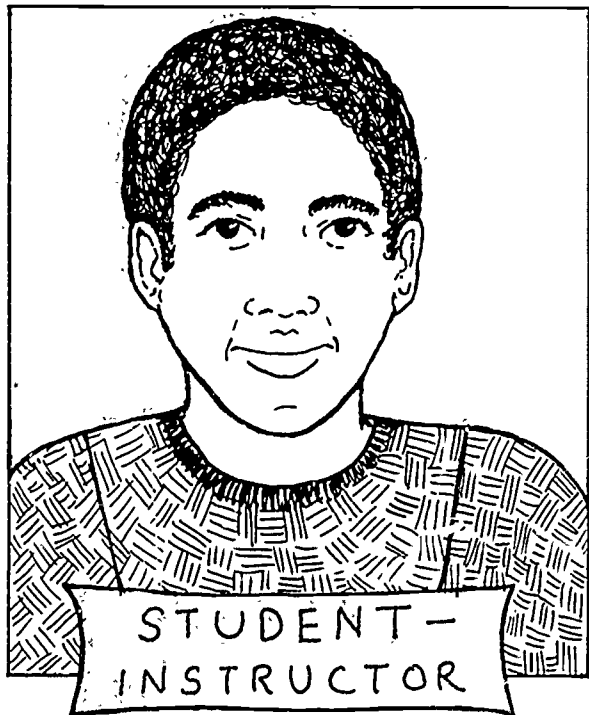
As a result, the students being tutored generally show the following changes:

- Improved attitudes toward school
- Improved performance
- Improved interest
- Improved motivation
- Decreased absenteeism
- Decreased tardiness

These changes are primarily attitudinal; however, some cognitive (knowledge) improvement is usually also made.

In addition, however, real personal benefit and real cognitive improvement are gained by the **student-instructor**. Today's world gives a great deal to young people, but it offers fewer opportunities for them to give anything back. Like Alice in Wonderland whose mushroom made her grow and shrink within minutes, young people are told that they are "too old" to cry or to be silly. However, at the same time, they are told that they are "too young" to be given responsibility in such forms as driving the family car.

Instructing peers offers students an adult role and the reassurance that they are needed and can make a significant contribution. This can result in heightened self-esteem (a feeling of being more adequate as a person), greater maturity, and better self-control. Student-instructors also are placed in a new relationship with their instructors, one of cooperating to help other students. As a result, the student-instructor can develop a greater sympathy for the classroom teacher.

By working with students who need help, a tutor can come to a better understanding of individual differences. His/her creativity is tapped in trying to reach the tutored student. Finally, the tutor can discover alternative ways of making an impact. He/she can discover that achieving influence is more satisfying when it is gained through activities other than coercion or rebellion.

For adult students, too, the tutoring role is a good one. They can use their hard-earned experience and expertise in a new and productive way—one that can give them personal satisfaction and earn the appreciation of their peers. They may be able to gain

new insights into their own abilities and perceive more accurately the problems of others. The contribution they can make to the class is both genuine and important.

The cognitive benefits to the student-instructor are also numerous. A quote by Jerome Bruner will indicate why this is so:

> I went through it [quantum theory] once and looked up only to find the class full of blank faces—they had obviously not understood. I went through it a second time and they still did not understand it. And so I went th.ough it a third time, and that time I understood it.[2]

In order to teach a concept or a skill to another, you must **first** think through the process and analyze it carefully yourself. It is one thing for you to understand a concept. It is quite another thing to explain that concept to someone else. For example, without using your hands, try to describe a spiral staircase to someone who has never seen one.

Students who learn to break down their knowledge so that they can convey it to other students gain two skills: (1) they learn **how** to learn and how to organize and manage their own learning; and (2) they reinforce their present knowledge. They become active learners and, consequently, better learners.

Thus, the concept of using students as presenters or tutors is not a device to give teachers free time, nor just a device to help slower or less advanced students. Rather, it is the student-instructors who also reap the benefits, who profit, who learn. Consequently, instructing should not be limited to the star pupils.

Benefits to Tutors

1. They learn to manage their own learning.

2. They reinforce their present knowledge.
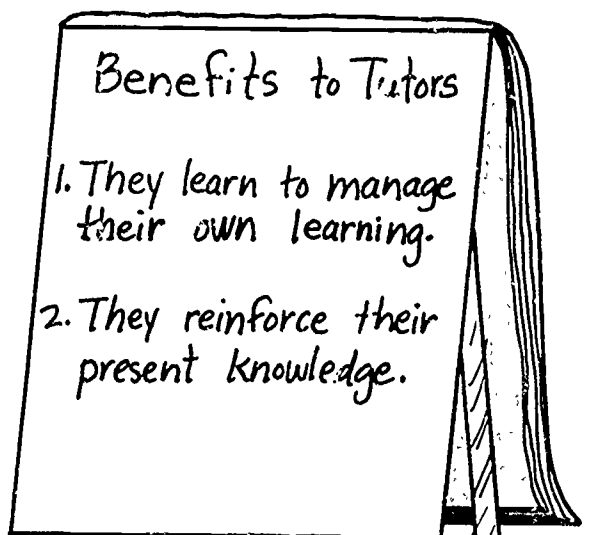
2 Jerome Bruner, *The Process of Education* (Cambridge, MA Harvard University Press, 1960), pp 89f.

Slower learners who have finally mastered a concept or skill are often very patient and understanding with other students experiencing similar problems. Students who have never experienced such problems sometimes lack much of this patience and understanding. Furthermore, a student who has failed to master a particular skill or concept, and who is too proud or embarrassed to admit it or to try to learn it later, will in fact often master that skill or concept if asked to tutor another student.

Using students as aides in the classroom can change the school from a competitive, win-lose institution to a people-oriented, cooperative community where everyone is a learner and everyone is a teacher. It can be a place where students cease to be spectators and become participants in the learning process.

Presentations

A student presentation may involve a **short talk** on an area of special interest or expertise—one related to the occupational area addressed by the program. For example, an automotives student who has done a great deal of reading about early car engines could give a brief talk on that subject as an introduction to a unit on engines today.

However, in vocational-technical classes, the most common type of presentation is the **demonstration**. A demonstration is given when one wishes to create interest in or give information about a concept or skill in such a way that the audience can both **see** and **hear**. Demonstrations can be used to show students a laboratory skill that they will later be required to perform themselves. A demonstration can also be used as a substitute for laboratory work when money, equipment, or time are limited.

Once you have determined that a presentation is needed and that students will be used to assist in or lead it, a planning session should be held with the students who will participate in the presentation. The following decisions need to be made:

- What type of presentation will be made?
- What is the goal of the presentation?
- What steps or main points are involved?
- What sequence should these steps/points be presented in?
- What steps/points need special emphasis or explanation?
- How much time is needed for each step/point (to say it and to do it) and for the total presentation?
- What equipment is needed?
- What supplies are needed?
- What type of work area is needed?
- What times would be appropriate for allowing questions to be asked?

In order for your students to conduct successful presentations, you need to explain the criteria for effective presentations to them. Certain criteria, however, such as making the physical environment comfortable and introducing the presentation, are still primarily your responsibilities.

For example, if a concept or principle were being demonstrated,[3] **you as the teacher** would have responsibility for the following:

- Selecting an example of the concept that could be easily demonstrated
- Relating the new concept to students' previous experiences or instruction
- Defining terms or giving background information when necessary
- Having students analyze a new situation in relation to the concept
- Summarizing key points during the demonstration or at the conclusion of the demonstration
- Determining students' comprehension of the concept by soliciting feedback

The **students** who were demonstrating a concept or principle would have responsibility for the following:

- Helping to select an example of the concept that could be easily demonstrated
- Setting up the demonstration where it could be easily viewed by each student
- Having all materials and equipment ready for use
- Performing the steps of the demonstration in a logical order
- Observing students to see that they were following the demonstration
- Using supplemental instructional aids to illustrate any steps that were difficult to observe

If a manipulative skill were being demonstrated,[4] **you** as **the teacher** would have responsibility for the following:

- Making the physical environment comfortable
- Introducing the demonstration with well-chosen questions
- Providing explanations of (1) what was going to be demonstrated, (2) how it would fit in with what the class already knew or had experienced, and (3) how it would fit in with future activities

- Defining any new terms that would be encountered during the demonstration
- Motivating the class to want to learn the new skill
- Making sure that the procedure followed for the operation was the one most commonly used in the field
- Encouraging questions
- Asking key questions throughout to ensure that the students understood the demonstration
- Including some activity to summarize the steps and key points
- Making sure that the demonstration lasted no more than 15–20 minutes

The **students** who were demonstrating a manipulative skill would have responsibility for the following:

- Making sure that all necessary tools, materials, supplies, and visuals were organized and at hand when they were needed
- Making sure that all tools, materials, supplies, and visuals were in good condition
- Demonstrating each step necessary to the operation
- Explaining each step as it is demonstrated
- Presenting the steps in a logical order
- Explaining key points or specific techniques essential to performing each step
- Covering safety practices specific to the operation
- Using visuals or models to clarify steps involving very small parts or intricate processes
- Completing time-consuming steps ahead of time (e.g., "refrigerate batter overnight")
- Presenting steps slowly enough that students do not miss key points
- Making sure that every movement in the demonstration is clearly visible
- Speaking clearly and making sure that all can hear
- Talking to the students and not to the materials
- Performing the operation with ease
- Setting up standards of workmanship by doing a thorough job

In addition to gaining knowledge of the criteria for effective presentations, students should also receive some instruction relating to basic public speaking principles. For example, they need to understand the importance of (1) having a pleasing appearance, (2) having a pleasing, clear, audible voice, (3) facing the audience, and (4) keeping the process clearly visible to the entire audience.

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3 To gain skill in demonstrating a concept or principle, you may wish to refer to Module C-17, *Demonstrate a Concept or Principle*

4. To gain skill in demonstrating a manipulative skill, you may wish to refer to Module C-16, *Demonstrate a Manipulative Skill.*

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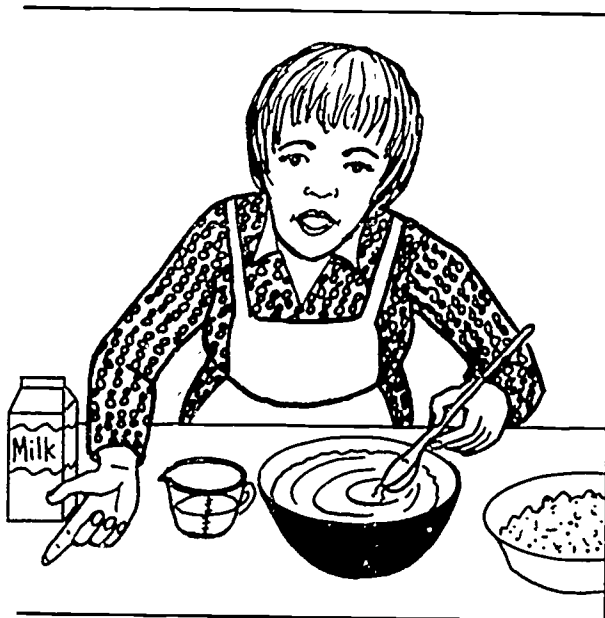
For younger or less experienced students, it is frequently a good idea to have a dress rehearsal before making the actual presentation. This allows students an opportunity for error and for timing the process.

Then, at the time of the actual presentation, you should introduce the student to the class and explain the purpose of the presentation. Following the student's presentation, you should clear up misunderstandings, add missing information, and reinforce key points. For the purpose of improving later presentations, you should involve the class in evaluating and constructively criticizing the presentation.

Remember, even though students may be taking on a large share of the responsibility for a presentation, the ultimate responsibility belongs to you. You must be aware of and at least indirectly involved in the entire process from planning to summary.

Tutoring

Becoming a tutor does not involve a great deal of training In fact, long, formal training can deter students from being involved and can stifle one of the most valuable assets a tutor has—creativity.

Students have been students for a long time and tend to teach as they have been taught, even if it's unpleasant. It is often true that when students take over teaching tasks, they not only mimic even the most stilted, routine teaching techniques, but they are often much more strict than their own teachers. Any training program you design needs to teach tutors how to plan their lessons and needs to encourage tutors to be natural and to use their own resources to find new ways to reach the students they are tutoring.

Tutors can be used in numerous ways, as follows:

- A student who masters a skill quickly and easily can help someone who is having difficulty.
- A student who has had difficulty, but who has mastered a skill, can help someone who is experiencing similar difficulties.
- A student can be motivated to master a skill so that he/she can help someone else.
- A student who already has a skill that is about to be covered in class for the first time can become a tutor instead of a student.
- Students can be paired and can switch roles—tutor or learner—depending on their competencies.
- A student tutor can be permanently assigned to another student who needs tutoring.
- A student who is bilingual can tutor another student who has the same language background but who has limited English speaking and reading skills.
- Students with "normal" vision and hearing can serve as tutors to sight- or hearing-impaired students who need special help.

You need to make sure that (1) students understand the role of the tutor, (2) materials and equipment are available, (3) space is available, and (4) tutors plan their tutoring sessions with your input. If you decide to use a formal tutoring program, tutors can be required to keep logs of their sessions. In addition, tutors can be evaluated, and they can meet on a regular basis to discuss problems that have arisen and solutions to these problems.

Again, however, the ultimate responsibility for the planning and operation of the tutoring program rests with you. A well-planned, well-monitored program where students have an opportunity to experience both roles—that of tutor and that of tutored student—can create an extremely effective and exciting learning environment.

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Optional Activity 2
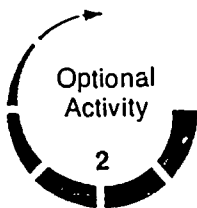
Once you have completed the reading, you may wish to meet with peers—perhaps some who are also taking this module or who are in your occupational specialty—to discuss further how to use students as tutors and presenters. You could brainstorm for ideas on specific situations in which students could/should be used as tutors or presenters in your occupational specialty. You could discuss techniques that could be used to involve students in these types of activities. You could draw up tentative plans for operating a tutoring program.

Activity 3

The following items check your comprehension of the material in the information sheet, Using Students as Tutors and Presenters, pp. 6-9. Each of the two items requires a short essay-type response. Please respond fully, but briefly.

SELF-CHECK

1. Assume that a hostile parent comes in after school and says, "I pay good tax money for you to teach my kid and now I find that you've got Bennett doing all your work. Instead of learning the skills he needs, he's tutoring other kids. You're letting the slower kids in your class hold my son back. And presentations! You've got my son making **your** presentations for you. What's going on here anyway? Why don't you earn your salary and teach my kid something?" How do you answer this parent?

2. Assume you are an instructor in an evening occupational program for adults. Should you use students to make presentations and tutor other students? If so, how would this be different from using student-instructors in a daytime secondary school program?
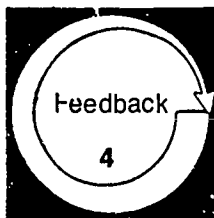
Compare your written responses to the self-check items with tne model answers given below. Your responses need not exactly duplicate the model responses; however, you should have covered the same **major** points.

MODEL ANSWERS

1. You should have explained the following points to the parent:

   - The purpose of student involvement in these activities is not to have students do your work for you.
   - This involvement benefits not only the students on the receiving end but also the students on the giving end.
   - By participating in these activities, Bennett's prior learning is being reinforced and he is learning (1) how to relate well to others, (2) how to learn, and (3) how to organize and manage his own learning. He is becoming a more active student and a more involved member of a class that is working **together** toward a **mutual** goal.
   - While some students are reinforcing what they have learned by helping other students who are having difficulties, you are available to help a more advanced student (perhaps Bennett) who is pursuing an independent study.
   - In some areas, Bennett needs a little extra help and, with the tutoring system, that individualized help is more readily available than it would be with just one teacher trying to meet the needs of 30 students in the space of a single class period.
   - When students share some of the responsibility for their education, all members of the class benefit.

2. There is no reason why you shouldn't use students to direct other students in an adult evening program, though the procedures you use might be somewhat different. Adults could make presentations or demonstrations on competencies in which they have special interest or expertise. You may be able to tap some excellent resources in this way.

   Students who work all day may not have much outside time in which to prepare for presentations, however. Thus, you may need to arrange to give them the preparation time and help they need during regular class hours.

   You will also need to assess students' abilities very carefully. It is easy to assume that mature, technically competent adults could, of course, serve as presenters. You need to be sure that these students have not only the technical skill but also the skill and confidence to make a group presentation.

   Adults can readily be used to tutor others also. In fact, you may find that adult students naturally form teams and tutor each other. In that case, your responsibility would simply be to ensure that the process was thorough and well organized.

Level of Performance: Your written responses to the self-check items should have covered the same major points as the model answers. If you missed some points or have questions about any additional points you made, review the material in the information sheet, Using Students as Tutors and Presenters, pp. 6–9, or check with your resource person if necessary.
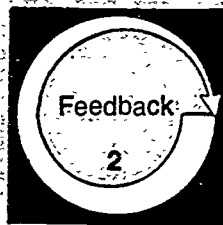
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Learning Experience II

Enabling Objective Given case studies of teachers using students as tutors and presenters, critique the performance of those teachers.

Activity 1 You will be reading the Case Studies, pp. 14–16, and critiquing the performance of the teachers described.

Feedback 2 You will be evaluating your competency in critiquing the teachers' performance in using students as tutors and presenters by comparing your completed critiques with the Model Critiques, pp. 17–18.

Optional Activity 3 You may wish to arrange through your resource person to observe a teacher experienced in directing students in instructing other students.

Optional Activity 4 You may wish to train a peer in the skills needed to conduct a manipulative skill demonstration.

The following case studies describe how three vocational-technical instructors trained and/or used students as tutors or as presenters. Each case study is followed by some key questions relative to the teacher's performance. Read each case study, and **critique it in writing** using the questions as guides.

CASE STUDIES

Case Study 1:

As an instructor in a trade and industrial program in a community college, Mr. York relied very heavily on the demonstration method as a means for presenting information. His course involved a lot of manipulative skills. Initially, he presented the demonstrations without any student assistance. Late, in the term, he would use the three-step approach: (1) he would first perform the operation and tell what was occurring; (2) he would then have a student perform the operation while he (Mr. York) told what was occurring; and (3) he would then have another student both perform the operation and tell what was occurring.

Because of this perpetual exposure to demonstrations and because students were gradually involved in performing demonstrations, Mr. York figured that by second semester he could turn the responsibility for presenting demonstrations completely over to the students. For the first demonstration to be presented during the second semester, he picked two students. He gave them an outline of the steps involved in the skill and turned them loose to plan, prepare, set up, and present the demonstration on their own.

How effective is Mr. York's training program? How effective is the use of student presenters for the second semester? In what ways could his system be improved?

Case Study 2:

Mary Anne, a first year vocational student, was in a program in which the teacher encouraged her students to take on tutoring responsibilities. At the beginning of the term, the teacher, Ms. Kinstle, explained to all the students in her class what the role of tutor involved. Her enthusiasm about tutoring was contagious, and the students usually came away from her explanation feeling eager to begin. Mary Anne was a little hesitant because she knew she always caught on to things later than everyone else. She had the feeling that she'd always be tutored and never be a tutor.

During the first unit of instruction, just as Mary Anne had feared, she fell behind. She failed the first quiz, so Ms. Kinstle assigned her a tutor. The tutor was Mary Anne's best friend, Beth. Beth came up with some really creative ideas for helping Mary Anne, but somehow nothing ever got accomplished at the tutoring sessions. When Mary Anne failed the second quiz, Ms. Kinstle decided to take over, so she had Mary Anne stay after class for extra help. With personal help from Ms. Kinstle, Mary Anne did manage to catch up.

What are the strengths of Ms. Kinstle's tutoring program? Where did she go wrong? How do you suppose Mary Anne feels? What about Beth? What could Ms. Kinstle have done instead?

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Case Study 3:

Mr. Locke, a vocational instructor in a competency-based program, was frustrated. He felt as if the only way he could accomplish all the things he wanted to accomplish would be to sprout about 12 more arms. Then, one day he read an article in one of his professional journals about using students as tutors. The idea fascinated him. Here was a way to provide more individual attention to the students in his class. Here was a way to keep the quicker students progressing rapidly and to help the slower students attain competence. Here was a way to free him up to work with the students who needed his personal help.

Mr. Locke sat down and designed a training program. The program called for his six brightest students to meet with him once a week for two hours.

For the first four weeks, he would carefully train them to be effective teachers. He would use material from his own course work as a teacher-in-training. After the training period, the two-hour session could be used as a seminar in which problems could be discussed and, he hoped, resolved. The session could also be used as a time in which tutors could plan experiences for their "students" with his assistance, and in which new ideas could be brainstormed.

What are the strengths and weaknesses of Mr. Locke's planned training program? of the tutoring program he envisions?

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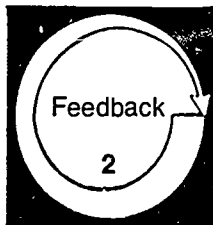
Compare your written critiques of the instructors' performance with the model critiques given below. Your responses need not exactly duplicate the model responses; however, you should have covered the same **major** points.

MODEL CRITIQUES

Case Study 1:

Mr York's training program is probably quite effective. He familiarizes the students with demonstrations by first conducting them himself and then slowly, step by step, increases the students' level of involvement. He is probably right in assuming that they should be fairly competent in **presenting** a demonstration by second semester. However, he is most likely wrong in assuming that they are also competent in planning the demonstration, setting it up, introducing it, or summarizing the material. They have not been trained to do these tasks, nor is it necessary that they should be. These tasks are the responsibility of the teacher.

Even assuming that these students **are** capable of handling those tasks, Mr. York should have met with them to help them plan or to thoroughly review any plans they made themselves. Assuming that the students **weren't** prepared to handle these tasks, Mr. York should have met with them to explain what portions of the lesson he would be responsible for and what portions would be their responsibility. Finally, he might have wanted to have them practice the skill demonstration at least once, preferably while he was there to observe it.

Case Study 2:

Ms. Kinstle's greatest asset is her enthusiasm. By motivating the students the way she did, the success of her program is semi-guaranteed. However, after setting their creative juices flowing, she failed to carry through in the same spirit. She should have made sure that students like Mary Anne were well aware that they could be tutors as well as tutored. She could have spent more time creating a situation in which Mary Anne viewed the opportunity to tutor as something to be worked for, as a motivating force. as a reason to succeed.

It was probably not a good idea to pair Mary Anne with her best friend. It's not surprising that it didn't work. Several things could have happened: (1) Mary Anne could have felt threatened that her best friend, her "equal," might consider her to be dumb; or (2) Beth could have been afraid to say anything to Mary Anne for fear of sounding bossy or uppity; or (3) the two friends may have had trouble spending the time on work since they had so many other things to talk about. Furthermore, Ms. Kinstle should have monitored the sessions, at least periodically, so that the problem would have surfaced long before the second quiz.

When the problem was identified, she should not have solved it by taking over. Beth could easily feel as if she had failed in her tutoring and may not wish to try again. Mary Anne could easily feel that she was so dumb that only extra special help from the teacher could save her. This is speculation, of course, but it is probably safe to say that the experience for Beth and Mary Anne was not a positive one.

Ms. Kinstle should have worked with the girls to see if the problem could be resolved by them. If not, she should have helped them to see that it was not because of their incompetence—that is was simply her error in pairing friends. Then, she should have reassigned Mary Anne and Beth to partners with whom there was a greater chance of each girl having a positive, successful experience.

Case Study 3:

Mr. Locke's idea to hold a seminar on a regular basis to allow tutors to plan, discuss, and brainstorm at a time when he is available to assist them is a good one. His plan to train them as he was trained is not a good strategy. For one thing, these students are not teachers-in-training and do not need a crash course in educational methods. Second, formalized, structured training is contrary to the underlying purposes of tutoring: (1) to create an informal, one-to-one, helping relationship between the tutor and the one tutored, and (2) to allow the tutor to be creative in his/her tutoring efforts.

Mr. Locke's initial training sessions should be designed to provide motivation and establish broad guidelines for the tutors, not to train teachers. Another shortcoming of his plan is his emphasis on using his six "brightest" students. It isn't wrong to do this, but it certainly is preferable to involve all students rather than singling out six students and designating them as "superior" to everyone else. Furthermore, since to teach is to clarify and reinforce learning, everyone should have the opportunity available to them.

Level of Performance: Your written critiques of the instructors' performance should have covered the same major points as the model critiques. If you missed some points or have questions about any additional points you made, review the material in the information sheet, Using Students as Tutors and Presenters, pp. 6–9, or check with your resource person if necessary.

Optional Activity 3

You may wish to arrange through your resource person to observe a teacher who is experienced in using students as tutors or as presenters. You could observe that teacher in the process of training the students to make a presentation or to tutor other students. You might also observe the students in the process of tutoring or making a presentation.

Optional Activity 4
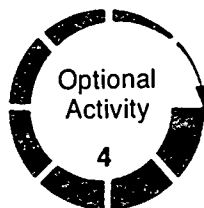
You may wish to ask a peer to role-play a student being trained to present a demonstration. Since the competency Demonstrate a manipulative skill is one needed by vocational-technical educators, a peer 'pre- or inservice teacher) who lacks this competency could benefit from this training. And, you would benefit from the opportunity to provide this training. You may wish to use the criteria for effective demonstrations or the Teacher Performance Assessment Form provided in this module as guides to structure your training session.

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Learning Experience III

Terminal Objective

In an **actual teaching situation,** * direct students in instructing other students.

Activity 1

As you conduct your teaching activities, decide when directing students in instructing other students could be used effectively to aid in meeting lesson objectives. Based on that decision, direct students in instructing other students. This will include—

- selecting, modifying, or developing a lesson plan that includes the use of student presenters
- planning how you will select and train the students who will be presenters and/or tutors
- selecting and training those students
- assisting students in making a presentation to the class
- directing student tutors in tutoring other students who were absent from presentations or who are having difficulty with the material presented

NOTE: Due to the nature of this experience, you will need to have access to an actual teaching situation over an extended period of time (e.g., two to four weeks).

As you complete each of the above activities, document your actions (in writing, on tape, through a log) for assessment purposes.

Your resource person may want you to submit your written lesson plan to him/her for evaluation before you and your students present the lesson. It may be helpful for your resource person to use the TPAF from Module B-4, *Develop a Lesson Plan,* to guide his/her evaluation.

Feedback 2
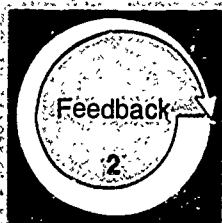
Arrange in advance to have your resource person review your documentation and observe a training session and the presentation.

Your total competency will be assessed by your resource person, using the Teacher Performance Assessment Form, pp. 21–22.

Based upon the criteria specified in this assessment instrument, your resource person will determine whether you are competent in directing students in instructing other students.

*For a definition of "actual teaching situation," see the inside back cover.

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TEACHER PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FORM

Direct Students in Instructing Other Students (C-4)

Directions: Indicate the level of the teacher's accomplishment by placing an X in the appropriate box under the LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE heading. If, because of special circumstances, a performance component was not applicable, or impossible to execute, place an X in the N/A box.

Name _____

Date _____

Resource Person _____

LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

Demonstration/Presentation

	N/A	None	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
The teacher met with the students to plan:						
1. the type of presentation to be made	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. the goal of the presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. the steps or major points involved and the sequence for their presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. the points that would need special emphasis or explanation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. the time needed for each step (to say it and to do it) and for the total presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. the equipment, supplies, and work area that would be needed	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. the times when questions would be allowed	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. a time for students to practice in advance of the actual presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
In training the students to conduct a demonstration/presentation, the teacher explained:						
9. the preparation activities for which they would be responsible	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. guidelines for effectively demonstrating a manipulative skill	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. public speaking tips that would aid them in making an effective presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
At the time of the demonstration/presentation, the teacher:						
12. oriented students to the student demonstration/presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. provided motivation for the student demonstration/presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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	N/A	None	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
14. introduced each student-presenter to the class	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
15. reinforced key points after the presentation/demonstration	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
16. involved the class in evaluating the presentation/demonstration	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Tutoring

In training the tutors, the teacher:

17. provided training that was geared to tap each tutor's own creativity and natural abilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
18. made sure that the students clearly understood their roles as tutors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
19. gave tutors some training in how to plan their tutoring sessions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

As part of the training program:

20. materials and equipment were made available to the tutors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
21. space was made available to the tutors	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
22. the tutors had an opportunity to meet to discuss mutual tutoring problems and techniques	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
23. the tutors had adequate teacher support and assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Level of Performance: All items must receive N/A, GOOD, or EXCELLENT responses. If any item receives a NONE, POOR, or FAIR response, the teacher and resource person should meet to determine what additional activities the teacher needs to complete in order to reach competency in the weak area(s).

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ABOUT USING THE NATIONAL CENTER'S PBTE MODULES

Organization

Each module is designed to help you gain competency in a particular skill area considered important to teaching success. A module is made up of a series of learning experiences, some providing background information, some providing practice experiences, and others combining these two functions. Completing these experiences should enable you to achieve the terminal objective in the final learning experience. The final experience in each module always requires you to demonstrate the skill in an actual teaching situation when you are an intern, a student teacher, an inservice teacher, or occupational trainer.

Procedures

Modules are designed to allow you to individualize your teacher education program. You need to take only those modules covering skills that you do not already possess. Similarly, you need not complete any learning experience within a module if you already have the skill needed to complete it. Therefore, before taking any module, you should carefully review (1) the introduction, (2) the objectives listed on p. 4, (3) the overviews preceding each learning experience, and (4) the final experience. After comparing your present needs and competencies with the information you have read in these sections, you should be ready to make one of the following decisions:

- That you do not have the competencies indicated and should complete the entire module
- That you are competent in one or more of the enabling objectives leading to the final learning experience and, thus, can omit those learning experiences
- That you are already competent in this area and are ready to complete the final learning experience in order to "test out"
- That the module is inappropriate to your needs at this time

When you are ready to complete the final learning experience and have access to an actual teaching situation, make the necessary arrangements with your resource person. If you do not complete the final experience successfully, meet with your resource person and arrange to (1) repeat the experience or (2) complete (or review) previous sections of the module or other related activities suggested by your resource person before attempting to repeat the final experience.

Options for recycling are also available in each of the learning experiences preceding the final experience. Any time you do not meet the minimum level of performance required to meet an objective, you and your resource person may meet to select activities to help you reach competency. This could involve (1) completing parts of the module previously skipped, (2) repeating activities, (3) reading supplementary resources or completing additional activities suggested by the resource person, (4) designing your own learning experience, or (5) completing some other activity suggested by you or your resource person.

Terminology

Actual Teaching Situation: A situation in which you are actually working with and responsible for teaching secondary or postsecondary vocational students or other occupational trainees. An intern, a student teacher, an inservice teacher, or other occupational trainer would be functioning in an actual teaching situation. If you do not have access to an actual teaching situation when you are taking the module, you can complete the module up to the final learning experience. You would then complete the final learning experience later (i.e., when you have access to an actual teaching situation).

Alternate Activity or Feedback: An item that may substitute for required items that, due to special circumstances, you are unable to complete.

Occupational Specialty: A specific area of preparation within a vocational service area (e.g., the service area Trade and Industrial Education includes occupational specialties such as automobile mechanics, welding, and electricity.

Optional Activity or Feedback: An item that is not required but that is designed to supplement and enrich the required items in a learning experience.

Resource Person: The person in charge of your educational program (e.g., the professor, instructor, administrator, instructional supervisor, cooperating/supervising/classroom teacher, or training supervisor who is guiding you in completing this module).

Student: The person who is receiving occupational instruction in a secondary, postsecondary, or other training program.

Vocational Service Area: A major vocational field: agricultural education, business and office education, marketing and distributive education, health occupations education, home economics education, industrial arts education, technical education, or trade and industrial education.

You or the Teacher/Instructor: The person who is completing the module.

Levels of Performance for Final Assessment

N/A: The criterion was not met because it was not applicable to the situation.

None: No attempt was made to meet the criterion, although it was relevant.

Poor: The teacher is unable to perform this skill or has only very limited ability to perform it.

Fair: The teacher is unable to perform this skill in an acceptable manner but has some ability to perform it.

Good: The teacher is able to perform this skill in an effective manner.

Excellent: The teacher is able to perform this skill in a very effective manner.

Titles of the National Center's Performance-Based Teacher Education Modules

Category A: Program Planning, Development, and Evaluation
A-1 Prepare for a Community Survey
A-2 Conduct a Community Survey
A-3 Report the Findings of a Community Survey
A-4 Organize an Occupational Advisory Committe -
A-5 Maintain an Occupational Advisory Committe
A-6 Develop Program Goals and Objectives
A-7 Conduct an Occupational Analysis
A-8 Develop a Course of Study
A-9 Develop Long-Range Program Plans
A-10 Conduct a Student Follow-Up Study
A-11 Evaluate Your Vocational Program

Category B: Instructional Planning
B-1 Determine Needs and Interests of Students
B-2 Develop Student Performance Objectives
B-3 Develop a Unit of Instruction
B-4 Develop a Lesson Plan
B-5 Select Student Instructional Materials
B-6 Prepare Teacher-Made Instructional Materials

Category C: Instructional Execution
C-1 Direct Field Trips
C-2 Conduct Group Discussions, Panel Discussions, and Symposiums
C-3 Employ Brainstorming, Buzz Group, and Question Box Techniques
C-4 Direct Students in Instructing Other Students
C-5 Employ Simulation Techniques
C-6 Guide Student Study
C-7 Direct Student Laboratory Experience
C-8 Direct Students in Applying Problem-Solving Techniques
C-9 Employ the Project Method
C-10 Introduce a Lesson
C-11 Summarize a Lesson
C-12 Employ Oral Questioning Techniques
C-13 Employ Reinforcement Techniques
C-14 Provide Instruction for Slower and More Capable Learners
C-15 Present an Illustrated Talk
C-16 Demonstrate a Manipulative Skill
C-17 Demonstrate a Concept or Principle
C-18 Individualize Instruction
C-19 Employ the Team Teaching Approach
C-20 Use Subject Matter Experts to Present Information
C-21 Prepare Bulletin Boards and Exhibits
C-22 Present Information with Models, Real Objects, and Flannel Boards
C-23 Present Information with Overhead and Opaque Materials
C-24 Present Information with Filmstrips and Slides
C-25 Present Information with Films
C-26 Present Information with Audio Recordings
C-27 Present Information with Televised and Videotaped Materials
C-28 Employ Programmed Instruction
C-29 Present Information with the Chalkboard and Flip Chart

Category D: Instructional Evaluation
D-1 Establish Student Performance Criteria
D-2 Assess Student Performance: Knowledge
D-3 Assess Student Performance: Attitudes
D-4 Assess Student Performance: Skills
D-5 Determine Student Grades
D-6 Evaluate Your Instructional Effectiveness

Category E: Instructional Management
E-1 Project Instructional Resource Needs
E-2 Manage Your Budgeting and Reporting Responsibilities
E-3 Arrange for Improvement of Your Vocational Facilities
E-4 Maintain a Filing System
E-5 Provide for Student Safety
E-6 Provide for the First Aid Needs of Students
E-7 Assist Students in Developing Self-Discipline
E-8 Organize the Vocational Laboratory
E-9 Manage the Vocational Laboratory
E-10 Combat Problems of Student Chemical Use

Category F: Guidance
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F-2 Gather Student Data Through Personal Contacts
F-3 Use Conferences to Help Meet Student Needs
F-4 Provide Information on Educational and Career Opportunities
F-5 Assist Students in Applying for Employment or Further Education

Category G: School-Community Relations
G-1 Develop a School-Community Relations Plan for Your Vocational Program
G-2 Give Presentations to Promote Your Vocational Program
G-3 Develop Brochures to Promote Your Vocational Program
G-4 Prepare Displays to Promote Your Vocational Program
G-5 Prepare News Releases and Articles Concerning Your Vocational Program
G-6 Arrange for Television and Radio Presentations Concerning Your Vocational Program
G-7 Conduct an Open House
G-8 Work with Members of the Community
G-9 Work with State and Local Educators
G-10 Obtain Feedback about Your Vocational Program

Category H: Vocational Student Organization
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H-2 Establish a Vocational Student Organization
H-3 Prepare Vocational Student Organization Members for Leadership Roles
H-4 Assist Vocational Student Organization Members in Developing and Financing a Yearly Program of Activities
H-5 Supervise Activities of the Vocational Student Organization
H-6 Guide Participation in Vocational Student Organization Contests

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I-5 Obtain a Suitable Teaching Position
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J-9 Prepare for Students' Related Instruction
J-10 Supervise an Employer-Employee Appreciation Event

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K-5 Manage the Daily Routines of Your CBE Program
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L-7 Use Instructional Techniques to Meet the Needs of Exceptional Students
L-8 Improve Your Communication Skills
L-9 Assess the Progress of Exceptional Students
L-10 Counsel Exceptional Students with Personal-Social Problems
L-11 Assist Exceptional Students in Developing Career Planning Skills
L-12 Prepare Exceptional Students for Employability
L-13 Promote Your Vocational Program with Exceptional Students

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N-5 Manage the Adult Instructional Process
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