



Principles of Standardized Testing: Level B Assessment

Facilitator(s):	Dave Carter
Date(s):	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day 1: Nov 20, 2023 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm)• Day 2: Nov 21, 2023 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm)• Day 3: Nov 22, 2023 (9:00 am to 3:30 pm)
Cost:	
Location:	Virtual
Session Code:	24-IE-001-CARC

Target Audience

Teachers

About this Learning Opportunity

At the end of Level B sessions, participants will receive a certificate of completion. Participants must attend all 3 days of training to receive a certificate.

Four major topics to be covered in training sessions:

1. The three levels of testing and how they differ
2. The role of each level in educational assessment
3. The principles of standardized testing:

Provincial, national and international standards
Ethical test selection and use
Understanding measurement statistics
Understanding T-scores, z-scores, percentile rank equivalents, age equivalents
How to compare standard scores
Interpreting test scores to parents, teachers and children

4. Pragmatic issues in test administration:

Choosing standardized tests
Establishing basals and ceilings
Scoring standardized tests with precision
Meeting District and Alberta Education guidelines

This learning opportunity is being subsidized through funding from Alberta Education.

About the Facilitator(s)

Dr. David Carter

Dr. Dave Carter has been an educator for more than 40 years, having worked as a grade 6 and 7 teacher, Learning Assistance Teacher (K-7), a school psychologist for grades K – 12, and a Director of Instruction for Student Services in both the Central Okanagan and Surrey, B. C. school districts. Dave “semi-retired” in 2005 but has been active in other ways. He has taught graduate courses for SFU, TWU, UBC and others and supervised both Masters and Doctoral student research. He has acted as an “expert witness” in several B.C. Supreme Court cases involving special education. He has done volunteer work overseas in both Nigeria and Haiti and was among the early responders after the Haiti earthquake.

He and his wife Sharon have four children, all (very grown-up) and three granddaughters.

Prior to COVID he and Sharon travelled extensively, enjoy sailing and walking their Boxer dog “Cuba”.