

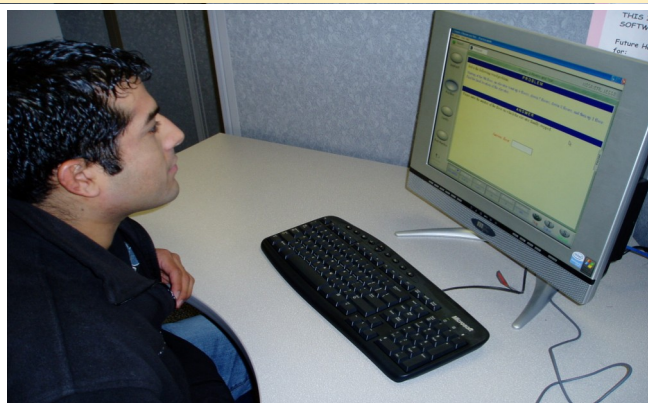
Interested in joining IDEA?

IDEA membership during 2012 includes approximately 80 members representing 20 community and private colleges in Iowa, as well as the Iowa Department of Education.

Benefits of membership include:

- Newsletters and other professional communications
- Conferences and workshops at the state and regional levels
- Networking opportunities with professionals at other institutions
- Leadership opportunities at the state and national levels
- Publication/presentation opportunities in newsletters and at conferences

Visit the IDEA web site at www.dmacc.edu/idea for membership information, online newsletters, and updates on upcoming conferences.



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Iowa Developmental
Education Association



Helping
under-prepared students
prepare,
Prepared students
advance,
Advanced students
excel.

IDEA is a state chapter of the National Association for Developmental Education. Our chapter seeks to improve the theory and practice of developmental education and the professional capabilities of developmental educators in Iowa's post-secondary institutions. IDEA is comprised of experienced educators who advocate for our students, programs, and colleagues, often adjuncts.

Innovations Mini-grant

Each year, IDEA awards one \$500 mini-grant to support its members' innovative work in pedagogy, research, retention, and other areas germane to developmental education.

IDEA Student Scholarship

In 2009, IDEA established its Student Scholarship to promote the success of developmental students as they work toward their degree. One scholarship of \$500 is awarded each year to a student who has taken developmental courses at a member college.

Please visit the **IDEA website** for further information on the **Innovations Mini-Grant** and the **IDEA Student Scholarship**:

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Why is developmental education important?



- It provides a crucial bridge from open enrollment to maintaining academic standards.
- Recent high school graduates may not be developmentally ready for college coursework upon entering college.
- College diploma and degree programs, including vocational programs, have communications, math, science, and social science components for which many students need assistance.
- Increasing diversity of our state's population requires training in communication skills, including ESL, for the adult workforce.
- Rising numbers of students with disabilities are entering post-secondary training programs and continue to need support.
- Workers retraining because of layoffs have been out of school for years and need assistance for successful transition to academic coursework and new careers.

Who benefits from developmental education?

- **Older Iowa workers** who need to refresh their academic skills before beginning re-training programs
- **Students with special needs** who require support services
- **Recent high school graduates** who may need to review basic skills in one or more areas
- **English language learners** who want to expand their opportunities
- **College instructors** who are committed to maintaining academic standards
- **Employers and communities** who want more productive workers and citizens

