What’s NEW in the Third Edition of Building Blocks?

Expanded with timely new content and consistent with DEC Recommended Practices, the third edition of the bestselling Building Blocks for Teaching Preschoolers with Special Needs will fully prepare a new generation of early childhood educators to teach and include every child. Like the ground-breaking previous editions, this updated guide gives pre- and inservice teachers three types of practical, evidence-based inclusion strategies: curriculum modifications, embedded learning opportunities, and child-focused instructional strategies. See below for content updates included in the third edition.

New guidance and tips

In the new edition, you’ll find guidance on the following topics:

- Applying **UDL principles** to engage every student in your diverse classroom
- Integrating **literacy** and **STEAM** into daily activities and routines
- Supporting the **executive function skills** of all young learners
- Applying new and expanded **curriculum modifications**
- Collaborating successfully with other team members to ensure the best child outcomes
- Conducting **classroom quality assessment**

Seven online training modules

The new edition of Building Blocks includes access to seven comprehensive training modules designed to reinforce key topics in the book. Each module includes a slide deck, presentation notes, learning activities, and a list of other resources and references—perfect for faculty and professional development providers.

Module topics include:

- Using the Building Blocks framework
- Conducting ongoing child assessment
- Planning for the individual child
- Using visuals to support learning
- Applying the Building Blocks framework to math and science
- Applying the framework to challenging classroom behavior
- Extending the framework to infants and toddlers

Online forms

The blank forms included in Appendix A are widely used for both professional and educational purposes. Previously included on a CD-ROM, these forms are now accessible online to purchasers of the third edition of Building Blocks.