



# THE SCHOOL OF ADAPTIVE COMPUTER TRAINING

*To enhance the computer technical skills and marketability of people with disabilities and others affected by the digital divide.*

## Overview

The CPRF School of Adaptive Computer Training is devoted to improving marketable computer skills for people with disabilities and others affected by the digital divide. This is accomplished through completely adaptive classrooms which use state-of-the-art, adjustable workstations and assistive software and devices to allow people with disabilities to gain the skills needed to compete in today's highly competitive job market.

In addition to the school's Microsoft-approved curriculum, students obtain globally-recognized technical certifications. The school's Business Advisory Council, comprised of area business leaders, meets a number of quality control duties. Some of those duties include ensuring the courses meet or exceed the requirement of hiring authorities, evaluating student preparedness, providing classroom presentations and assisting with placement activities.

Since its beginning, the SACT has continued to forge lasting relationships toward providing qualified job candidates for today's highly competitive business communities.

The SACT has established itself as a premier training option that offers a team of professionals who work together toward individual success — in the classroom and in today's dynamic work place. This "total package" approach is the SACT cornerstone and is a proven model for success.

## Historical Highlights

- July 1998** CPRF partners with Digital Consulting & Software Services (DCSS), Houston
- May 2000** SACT initiates a training program for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients
- Oct 2000** Awarded Information Technology Projects With Industry
- 2005** (PWI) Grants from the U.S. Dept. of Education
- 2008** Rehabilitation Services Administration
- July 2001** Awarded the Disability Information Technology Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
- Aug 2001** SACT partners with EDS and the EDS Foundation through a \$788,000 pledge
- Oct 2001** U.S. General Accounting Office recognizes the SACT as one of four facilities "having the most promising approaches for identifying and helping TANF recipients with impairments move to employment."
- July 2002** Atlanta SACT is dedicated
- July 2002** Houston SACT begins classes in the DCSS facility
- Sept 2004** SACT provides training in New Orleans
- May 2005** SACT named the Association of Rehabilitation Programs in Computer Technology 2005 Program of the Year
- Jan 2008** SACT initiates Business Fundamentals for Youth training program for high school students with disabilities
- Oct 2010** Partners with Kansas Department of Commerce on Rounds
- 2014** 1 and 5 of Disability Employment Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
- June 2011** Delivers first distance learning class via video conferencing technology from Wichita classroom to remote classroom in Mayetta, KS
- Jan 2013** Opens satellite classroom in Butler County, KS serving high school students with disabilities
- Aug 2013** Opens satellite classroom in Independence, KS
- Sept 2015** Opens satellite classroom in Salina, KS
- Jan 2017** Opens satellite classroom in Mulvane, KS
- June 2019** Trains 400th high school student with disabilities in the Business Fundamentals for Youth Program
- April 2020** Transitions to remote training for all students

**It's about employment and independence for people with disabilities. The rest is technology.**

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