



Certified AIMSweb Trainers (CATs)

Have you dreamed of becoming a cool CAT? Do you yearn to have the skills and certification to prepare others to draw on the power of AIMSweb?

Designed to prepare AIMSweb trainers to teach the AIMSweb Assessment and Improvement System, this training will assure that CATs have the advanced expertise and materials to set up, manage, and implement the AIMSweb System, and to train staff across a variety of organizations in these skills, as a professional consultant endorsed by Edformation, Inc.

Certified AIMSweb Trainers (CATs) represent a specially selected, diverse group of individuals who have strong backgrounds in education, assessment, and student learning. They also keep current with regard to the critical issues facing education today. They have completed additional training via Edformation, Inc. to earn this certification and are required to participate in continuing AIMSweb training experiences in order to maintain certification as a CAT.

The Edformation, Inc. CAT endorsement ensures those who request CAT consultative services that their trainer is proficient in *all* areas of the AIMSweb assessment system, demonstrates familiarity with related research and federal law, and excels in his/her ability to train and lead individuals in becoming proficient AIMSweb users. In addition, based on their unique experiences and backgrounds, many CATs offer additional expertise in a variety of areas which may be well-suited to match the training and consultative needs of specific schools and organizations. Those areas of expertise may include subjects such as reading, math, ESL/ELL/bilingual education, statistics, IDEIA law, RTI, instruction, and more.

Recognizing the experience and skills that CATs offer, organizations interested in successfully adopting the AIMSweb assessment system often look first to CATs when addressing their training and consultative needs.

Earning CAT Certification requires:

- Acceptance into and successful completion of the CAT Certification Program.

- Demonstrating an exceptional ability and willingness to train and lead educators in the proper implementation and maintenance of the AIMSweb software and assessment system.
- Successful training and work experience as a **Local AIMSweb Manager (LAM)** in a school/district or organization which uses AIMSweb Pro. That means you must be a Local AIMSweb Manager or a pre-service trainer who is working cooperatively with a local school. You also must have a background in curriculum-based measurement accompanied by specific experience in the implementation of AIMSWeb Benchmark, Progress Monitor, and Response to Intervention (RTI) systems.
- Individuals currently holding CAT certification may be asked to complete education and experiential requirements to retain certification.
- Preference is given to those candidates with:
 - A background in the field of PreK-12 education and special education services.
 - A strong background in psychometrics and assessment.
 - Familiarity with General and Special Education laws and related issues.
 - Willingness and ability to successfully consult with and assist clients in implementing the AIMSweb system within their organization.
 - Superior professionalism, organizational, public speaking, and interpersonal skills.
 - The ability to make themselves available for training others locally and/or nationally during the school year and summer.