

VIZZLE UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES FREE, FLEXIBLE ONLINE TRAINING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHERS

VizZle U, Powered by Moodle®, Gives Teachers Freedom to Learn

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO – To expand its flexible and personalized learning environment, VizZle has introduced its latest innovation to help teachers of students with autism. VizZle University, powered by Moodle, now allows teachers to obtain essential professional development however, whenever and wherever they like.

“Everyone agrees education needs to change with the times, but change needs to be simple and compelling,” said Terry Murphy, President of Monarch Teaching Technologies (MTT), creator of VizZle, the popular visual learning tool for children with autism. “We wanted to create an engaging environment that made it easy for teachers to learn. VizZle is already simple to use and VizZle U makes it even easier.”

VizZle University offers online courses that can adapt to fit teachers’ individual schedules and learning styles, much like the company’s innovative VizZle software does for children with autism. And with VizZle U’s automatic time-tracking technology, teachers can easily use their time spent with the program toward district approved continuing education credits.

“We want to make learning easy. Rather than having to sign up for a one-hour webinar or learn from a 30-minute video tutorial, teachers can choose different learning and interactive formats and start and stop as they wish. And they can access the class at school, home or at the local coffee shop.” said Lauren Stafford, Vice President of Visual Learning for MTT and former special education teacher at the Monarch Center for Autism. “Teachers can now learn at their own pace and avoid information overload.”

To learn more about the courses offered through VizZle University and to explore its numerous learning options, please visit www.learnvizzle.com. Here you will also find the weekly issues of VTips, which offer advice on a broad range of topics relating to children with autism.

VizZle software was created by researchers from Children’s Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School and educators from the Monarch Center for Autism to help children with autism achieve by capitalizing on their visual processing skills and their inherent interest in computers, touch screens and electronic whiteboards. Short for “visual learning,” VizZle gives users the ability to create lessons or tap into a library of more than 3,000 lessons and supports designed by users to teach both academics and activities of daily living. Currently in use at school districts in over 30 states, educators add to the library of lessons daily and share materials with peers and parents across the country.

About Monarch Teaching Technologies

Monarch Teaching Technologies, Inc. (monarchtt.com) is committed to providing cost-effective, technology-enhanced solutions for more effective instruction for children with special learning needs.

After a four-year R&D collaboration with researchers funded in part by NIH grants, the company introduced VizZle for the general market in 2009. For more information on VizZle or Monarch Teaching Technologies, visit www.monarchtt.com.

About Moodle

Moodle is a software package for producing Internet-based courses and web sites. It is a global development project designed to support a social constructionist framework for education. Moodle is provided freely as open source software.

The word Moodle was originally an acronym for Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, which is mostly useful to programmers and education theorists.

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