



Illinois Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

62nd Annual Conference

March 6-7, 2026 | East Peoria, Illinois

Informational Guide

Conference Location

The Illinois Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ITDHH) 62nd Annual Conference will be offered both in-person and virtual. All in-person sessions will take place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center in East Peoria, Illinois (100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL, 61611).

Conference Overview

General Information

- **Please Note:** ITDHH does not share/sell information with/to businesses or other organizations.
- Conference sessions will be presented in-person, with select sessions being presented hybrid. All breakout sessions will be recorded for later viewing.
- The ITDHH Pre-Conference and Early Intervention Pre-Conference will be in-person only.
- Both keynote addresses will be in-person, hybrid, and recorded for later viewing.
- The Friday night cultural event and raffle will be in-person only.
- ITDHH members will have access to 25-30 PD hours from the event.
- Recordings will only be available from **April 13, 2026 through June 30, 2026.**

Keynote Speakers

Jamal Garner and Linsey Wypych

Conference Booklet

If you are an in-person attendee and would like a printed ITDHH conference booklet, you will need to indicate that when completing the Attendee Conference Registration Form. All registrants will receive a link that will include all the presentations, handouts, and the ITDHH booklet.

Conference Apparel

Conference apparel will be available via an online shop hosted by Imagination Print & Design (Oswego, IL). The shop is now live and will close on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026.**

You will have the option to ship the apparel to your house or you can pick it up at Imagination Print & Design in Oswego, IL.

If you have any apparel questions, please contact Aimee Morrison, ITDHH President-Elect, at president-elect@itdhh.org.

Order Conference Apparel

All online orders can be placed by clicking the button or visiting:

itdhh26.itemorder.com.

Conference Registration

Registration Types

- **Member:** New or renewing member of ITDHH.
- **Past President:** A previous ITDHH president that is attending the annual conference.
- **Retiree:** A retired or renewing ITDHH presenter.
- **Student:** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure.
- **Student Volunteer (Both Days, Fri & Sat):** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure volunteering on Friday and Saturday.
- **Student Volunteer (One Day Only, Fri or Sat):** Full-time undergrad student in pursuit of Deaf Educator Licensure volunteering on either Friday or Saturday.
- **Presenter:** Breakout session presenter attending the conference.
- **Conference Committee Chairperson:** Chairperson of an ITDHH Conference Committee.

In-Person Registration Fees

All of the below fees include the following items: conference admission, Wi-Fi access, admission to cultural event & raffle, access to recorded sessions and additional CPDU's. The early bird registration deadline is **January 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm CST**. After that date you would select the regular rate.

In-Person Friday & Saturday	In-Person Friday Only	In-Person Saturday Only
Also Includes: Friday & Saturday luncheon Up to 11 in-person CPDU's	Also Includes: Friday luncheon Up to 7 in-person CPDU's	Also Includes: Saturday luncheon Up to 5 in-person CPDU's
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$270 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$285	<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$265	<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Early): \$230 <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$245
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Virtual Registration Fees

The virtual fee includes: virtual conference admission, up to six live CPDU's on Friday and up to four live CPDU's on Saturday, access to recorded sessions and additional CPDU's.

Virtual Attendance			
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member (Regular): \$245 | <input type="checkbox"/> Past President (Regular): \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree (Regular): \$215 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (Regular): \$170 |

Deadlines

The early bird registration deadline is **January 15, 2026 at 11:59 pm CST** (free gift for registering early, in-person only).
The regular registration deadline is **February 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm CST**.

Cancellation Policy

A full refund, less a \$16.00 processing fee per in-person registration and \$15.00 per virtual registration, will be provided for any cancellation requests received before **February 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm CST**. No refunds will be provided after February 24, 2026. All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to Lucy at Immork1@ilstu.edu.

Payment

We accept credit cards, checks, and purchase orders. Checks can be made payable to Illinois State University and mailed to the following address along with the PDF registration form.

Illinois State University Conference Services
Attn: 2026 ITDHH Annual
Conference Campus Box 8610
Normal, IL 61790-8610

Ways to Register

Registration is available online with credit card payment. You can also register by completing a paper PDF registration and submitting that via mail with credit card information or a check.

Visit bit.ly/ITDHH2026 or click the buttons to register.

Online Registration

PDF Registration

Accommodations

All requests for reasonable accommodations must be submitted via email to Aimee Morrison president-elect@itdhh.org by **February 14, 2026**, to be considered.

Reasonable accommodations, other than a sign language interpreter, need to be requested and approved before the conference.

CPDU Information

If you wish to receive CPDU's for your attendance, please login to PD+ via your ELIS account to register for the ITDHH conference prior to the event. You will need your IEIN number to sign in to sessions for credit. If you have any questions, email Kayla Mattus, CPDU Chair at professional-development@itdhh.org.

Printed Booklet (optional)

During registration you will have the option to add a printed booklet to your order. Each printed booklet is \$3.00 and is only an option for in-person attendees.

Charitable Contributions (optional)

Any charitable contributions are appreciated but not required. Below are areas that you can contribute to when completing registration.

- Hazel Bothwell Scholarship
- Hazel Bothwell Grant
- Jacki Marcus Memorial Student Scholarship
- Pierce-Scherer Student Scholarship
- ITDHH Area Advancement

Hotel Guestroom Reservations

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Riverfront Hotel and Conference Center in East Peoria, IL (where the conference is being held). You must reference the group block name when making your reservation to get the discounted rate.

- **Block Name:** IL Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference
- **Group Code:** 909
- **Rate:** \$145.00 per night (parking is included)
- **Deadline to reserve:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Make Hotel Reservation

Pre-Conference Registration

ITDHH Pre-Conference: "Teamwork Wins, Building Champions Together"

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 9 AM - 12 PM

(Team Panel: 9-10 AM; Collaboration Time: 10 AM - 12 PM)

Embassy Suites by Hilton, East Peoria, IL 61611, Fon Du Lac A-C

Come learn, share, and connect with Illinois State University's Assistive Technology team, a Speech-Language Pathologist, and our favorite Audiologist as they share insights and strategies for supporting students with hearing loss. This session can earn you up to 3 hours of CPDU!

For questions, please email Aimee Morrison at president-elect@itdhh.org.

ITDHH Pre-Conference
Registration

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2026

Registration Fee: Free

Early Intervention Pre-Conference: “Going for the Gold”

Thursday, March 5 (Registration: 8 AM ; Workshop Start Time: 8:30 AM)
Embassy Suites by Hilton, East Peoria, IL 61611, Fon Du Lac D-F

The ITDHH Early Intervention Pre-Conference is sponsored by ISD Outreach in partnership with ITDHH Board of Directors. Get ready to go for gold in teamwork as you learn from Illinois State University’s Assistive Technology Team, a Speech-Language Pathologist, and an Audiologist - all dedicated to supporting students with hearing loss. This interactive session will highlight strategies, tools, and collaborative approaches that help every student reach the podium of success. Come ready to learn, ask questions, and celebrate the power of teamwork in the spirit of the Olympics!

This workshop will have four sessions PLUS an optional lunch session (bring your own lunch). The total credit hours submitted is five for PD and EI, with an additional one credit EI and PD for lunch session. This event is in-person and FREE to attend. Both Early Intervention Credit and ISBE Professional Development will be offered.

For questions, please contact Andrea Marwah at andrea.marwah@illinois.gov or (630) 697-3544.

Questions

Conference Website

Visit itdhh.org/itdhh-2026-conference for the most up-to-date information.

Registration Questions

Email Lucy Morkin with Illinois State University Conference Services at lmork1@ilstu.edu.

EI Pre-Conference Registration

Registration Deadline: March 4, 2026

Registration Fee: Free

General Questions

Email Aimee Morrison with ITDHH at president-elect@itdhh.org.