Exceptional Learners: An Introduction to Special Education, 15th edition

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Exceptional Learners focuses on students with exceptionalities and evidence-based classroom practices that help meet their individual needs. It examines the psychological, sociological and medical aspects of disabilities and giftedness, giving all educators a solid introduction to current special education theory, research and practice. Real-world features help readers develop a more sensitive understanding of exceptional learners and their families.

The 15th Edition features an enhanced focus on evidence-based content and extensive new coverage of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

New and updated features

- **Focus on justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) in schools** reflects the importance of promoting equitable educational opportunities for all students. Multicultural education is considered through a JEDI lens in a thoroughly updated Ch. 3 and throughout the text.

- **Evidence-based content includes over 400 new references** to keep readers up to date on current research in special education and related fields.

- **Updated coverage of identification and assessment practices** provides extensive discussion of RTI's role and effectiveness in assessment along with multitiered systems of support and prevention.

- **New Up Close interviews and videos** introduce Rebekah Lozano, who has traumatic brain injury, Jessica Richards, who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and Jerron Herman, a dancer with cerebral palsy.

- **Coverage of the impact of COVID-19** on services for students with disabilities.

- **Learning outcome quizzes, application exercises and automatically graded chapter tests** can be assigned from a packaged file. Questions give students feedback and model responses based on their answers.

Hallmark features

- **Misconceptions About Exceptional Learners** debunk common myths about students with exceptionalities, helping readers understand their future students more clearly.

- **Peer Connections** interviews of young adults with a disability give students a better understanding of exceptional learners later in life.

- **Success Stories** highlight the knowledge and skills special educators use in the field.

- **How Can I Help?** describes collaborations special and general education teachers can make to benefit students with disabilities.

- **Responsive Instruction** boxes offer research-based strategies for teaching students with disabilities.

- **Up Close** features individuals who serve as inspirational role models for all people, whether with a disability or not.