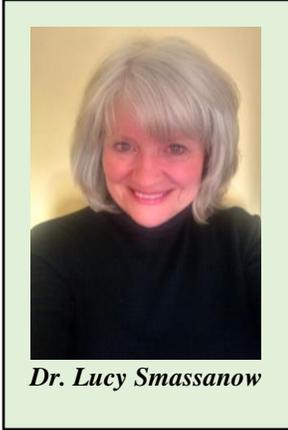


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INSTITUTE LEADER: Lucille Smassanow Ph.D.



Dr. Lucille (Lucy) Smassanow specializes in all areas of literacy instruction, early childhood development, educating diverse learners (including students with learning and/or behavioral needs), co-teaching and teaching English to new learners (ENL). In addition, she scores written New York and Ohio teacher Literacy certification, School District Administration, and a variety of other teaching certification examinations for Pearson Publishing.

Lucy teaches both graduate courses and seminars for New York State United Teachers Education Learning Trust (NYSUT ELT). In addition, she has taught for the Graduate Literacy and English as New Learners Department at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York. She is a retired part-time Professor of Elementary Education, Literacy and Clinical Supervision at the State University of New York at New Paltz in the Hudson Valley. She has taught for the College of New Rochelle, Touro College in Literacy Education, PACE University as a clinical supervisor, and Sullivan County Community College in Early Childhood Development.

Teaching teachers through professional development in and out of the classroom, Lucy specializes in a variety of academic areas in literacy, co-teaching, creative writing, response to intervention, educating diverse populations, developmentally appropriate practices, accelerated brain power, brain ignition, critical and analytical thinking skills, proactive vs. reactive classroom behavior management skills and effective communication for many schools across the United States.

Lucy's educational credentials include a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies and Education with an emphasis in Literacy and educating diverse learners, M.A. in Cultural Studies and Policy with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, and a B.A. in English Literature and Education with a minor in Art. She is permanently certified in English 7-12, Literacy 1-6, Elementary Education N-6, and School District Administration PK-12. She has taught and served on all levels in college, pre-kindergarten through senior high and adult education, and in both building and central office administration.

Lucy has written three books, one for teachers: Think, Link and Learn for Literacy, and two for children: Grandma Goes Green and On the Way to Freedom. Recently, as a visiting author, she was invited by Macys Department Store, *Reading Circle*, Herald Square, NYC to read and discuss her book Grandma Goes Green.

Known for her pioneering professional development workshops and seminars, Lucy has presented her original research on kinesthetic brain ignition teaching strategies for English Language Learners at Oxford University, Oxford, England. She has continued this research today and applies it to teaching diverse and special needs learners how to read, write, think and problem-solve.

Lucy has received many awards and recognition for her work in Education with children and adults. She is a Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension, past President of *Tau* Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and a member of the following organizations: National Association for the Education of Young Children, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Hadassah. She is a United States Air Force Vietnam Era Veteran Sergeant and a member of the American Legion Roscoe Post in NYS.

Lucy enjoys traveling with her husband and family. She is an avid reader, writer, and artist. She loves to play golf and pickleball.