

Presenter Demonstration Sessions: What You Need to Know



A key to being a successful ACE Interface candidate/presenter is to remember we are a Community of Practice! Remember-- a community of practice is a group of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do, and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly. This definition reflects the fundamentally social nature of human learning.

From the two-day ACE Interface Presenter Cohort training to the Certification Process culminating in the Presenter Demonstration Session/s, the journey to becoming an ACE Interface presenter has been built with the “Community of Practice” model in mind. We know when Communities of Practice focus on sharing best practices and coaching and mentoring one another as we each build our skillsets, we are creating a stronger foundation for this important work to advance in our communities through solid, engaging and informative presentations!

The Presenter Demonstration Session is a great opportunity to meet with MCCC Staff to showcase your presenter skills and knowledge around the concepts in the curriculum, highlight your strengths, reflect together upon opportunities for further development, and to ask questions!

Here a few tips as you prepare:

For the purposes of the demonstration, two of the main things we are looking for in order to certify is that you understand the **content of the presentation** and that you **present in an engaging way**. During the presenter training we encourage people to use the script for presenting until you feel comfortable with the information. Once you are solid with the key points, it is great to do it in your own words. While it is possible to read the script in an engaging way, if you only read the script when doing the presenter demonstration, we don't know if you understand the information!

As you practice, consider going through each slide and putting the concepts covered in the key points into your own words, and have those notes available during the demonstration to jog your memory if

needed. If you still feel most comfortable using the script to present and want to use the script during the presentation, we will also ask you to tell us about each slide off script.

Remember, the Demo Session is NOT intended to be a pass/fail test or something to fear. We know public speaking can be stressful. Keep in mind it can be a POSITIVE stressor as it can help us perform at our best! After the slide demonstration, the MCCC staff person will walk you through some prompts to help you reflect on your presentation and offer feedback as well.

You'll receive a follow-up email with next steps – sometimes it includes meeting with us again to continue to grow your comfort level with the material and delivery. This individualized support is another part of setting you up for success!

Finally, we are so appreciative of our ACE Interface Presenter/Candidates and the dedication, expertise and enthusiasm you bring as we work on building self-healing communities across the state. We could not do it without you! Our MCCC Staff looks forward to supporting you on your journey to Presenter Certification and beyond!