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Professional Development Pipelines

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Simmons/Westford COHORT IV

We are planning our 4th Simmons/Westford COHORT to obtain a Masters/CAGS in Education beginning the fall of 2012. This program is designed for education professionals; 32 credit degree program, completed in less than three years; cohort model; on-site in Westford. You have the ability to enroll in the Westford Cohort for almost half the cost of the Boston campus program and receive the same high-quality education from the Simmons faculty. If you are interested please email Maureen Townsend at mtownsend@westfordk12.us.

Simmons College - Certificate in Moderate Special Needs

- Developed for general education teachers with initial or professional licensure
- 16 credits of coursework for an add-on license in Moderate Special Education
- Weekend, after school, and summer intensive courses

Come join us for an Informational Open House on April 25, 2012 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Millennium School, 23 Depot Street, Westford, MA.

Upcoming Courses (Summer 2012):

Instructional Strategies using Brain-based Teaching and Learning

Instructor: Kathy Conole

Location: Conference Room B, Millennium School

Dates: June 21, 22, 25, 28 & 29, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The course can be taken for graduate credit through Fitchburg State University (\$255) or for PDP's through the University of Westford (no charge).

Mentor Training Course

Instructor: Carol Shestok

Location: Conference Room B, Millennium School

Credits: 3 University of Westford credits (No Charge) or 3 Graduate credits from Fitchburg State College (\$255)

Dates: August 15, 16 & 17, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Online components (None-live) September 7, September 28 January 11, March 22

Call back sessions after school exact times TBA: November 8, February 13, and April 25

Note: This course is open to all pre-K-12 teachers and is a prerequisite to becoming a mentor. Professional status teachers who have had the mentor course will be included in their school's and the system's mentor databases enabling principals to make the best match between available mentors and novice teachers in their buildings.

To register for these courses, please email Maureen Townsend at mtownsend@westfordk12.us.

Responsive Classroom I (Westford, MA)

"Responsive Classroom" courses will be offered in Westford this summer. General information about each of these courses is given below, with more specific information at the web link. These sessions will take place at the Abbot School. If you would like to register for these courses, you may do so through the Responsive Classroom website.

July 9–13, 2012

Learn how to build classroom community and establish positive discipline in this intensive, hands-on introduction to Morning Meeting, Rule Creation, Interactive Modeling, Positive Teacher Language, and Logical Consequences.

Topics covered in this four-and-a-half-day course include:

Morning Meeting
Rule Creation
Interactive Modeling
Positive Teacher Language
Logical Consequences

Cost: \$695

For more information visit <http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/workshops-institutes>

Responsive Classroom II (Westford, MA)

July 9–13, 2012

Take your skills to the next level as you learn about Guided Discovery, Academic Choice, Classroom Organization, and Collaborative Problem Solving, while deepening your understanding of Logical Consequences. This course builds on the fundamentals covered in Responsive Classroom I. (**RC I** is a prerequisite.) Topics covered include:

Guided Discovery
Academic Choice
Classroom Organization
Collaborative Problem-Solving

Plus, deepen your understanding of Logical Consequences

Cost: \$695

For more information visit <http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/workshops-institutes>

Would YOU like to teach a University of Westford course? Suggestions from the faculty for new courses are always welcome. For a teacher wishing to offer a course, the following information is required: course name, proposed credit hours, dates and times, prerequisites, instructor's name and contact information, course description, required texts, room requirements/location, course syllabus, and grading rubric. Course offerings will be consistent with the goals and direction of the Westford Public Schools. Decisions regarding course offerings for a given semester will be based upon the needs of the district, faculty, and budgetary constraints. Courses that emphasize application of the new State Frameworks, incorporating the Common Core State Standards, are especially encouraged. The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction must approve all course offerings. If you are interested, fill out Appendix B from the University of Westford Handbook, which is available online and return your proposal to the Curriculum Office.

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