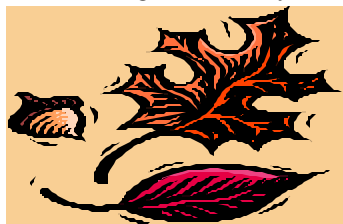




ABE LICENSE UPDATE

SABES FIELD TEST OF ITS SUPPORT MODEL SET TO BEGIN

Following its summer-long planning process, the Field Test Planning Group for the SABES support model has recruited and selected a total of twenty-five teachers to participate in a field test for supporting teachers seeking the new ABE teacher's license. The field test participants will convene in Central SABES on Tuesday, November 13th, to meet each other, set up communications links, and plan out the first phases of their work together. In practice, the larger field test group will break into separate five-member regional groups and meet roughly once a month until June 30th. As planned, the teachers who participated in the summer planning phase will continue on as facilitators for each group, with coordination and additional support from SABES staff. While final decisions will be made at the November 13th meeting, it is likely that



the field test teams will take on most or all of the following:

- Establish themselves as a peer-support group.
- Test and refine draft worksheets, templates, and self-assessments.
- Set up and submit application packets to the Department of Education.
- Share, review, and revise portfolio entries.
- Share resources, and *be* resources.
- Experiment with demonstrations of teaching (a license requirement).
- Compile and submit portfolios to DOE Review Panels.

Practitioners do not need to participate in the SABES support model in order to apply for licensure. They can apply directly to the Department of Education's Office of Educator Certification and Licensure. Also, license-seeking teachers can receive support from SABES outside of the Field Test, for example by accessing the SABES license support web-site at

www.sabes.org/license, which provides information, worksheets, and the names of teachers and staff willing to help.

ABE Pilot Courses:

During the winter and spring of 2002, SABES will be hosting the final four pilot courses that are compatible with the ABE teacher's license.

The pilots are tentatively set as follows:

"Reading/Writing (4-8 GLE)"
Southeast SABES
March 2—April 13

"Multicultural Education in ABE"
Central SABES
April 27th—June 8th

"Reading/Writing (9-12 GLE)"
Western SABES

"Adult Human Development" Boston, ALRI

Participants who successfully complete a pilot course will receive 45 PDPs and will be paid a \$300 stipend for an extensive written evaluation.

The ABE Teacher's License Update is published by the MDOE (Massachusetts Department of Education) in coordination with SABES (System for Adult Basic Education Support) in an effort to keep practitioners and interested parties apprised of the status of the ABE Teacher's License. This Update, past issues, and other relevant documents are

posted on the following web-sites:

www.doe.mass.edu/acls

www.sabes.org.

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www.doe.mass.edu
or
www.sabes.org

SABES TO LAUNCH LICENSE-SUPPORT WEBSITE

SABES staff have been developing a web-site to support teachers who want to go after the new ABE teacher's license. The site has been designed to connect users quickly and easily to information and resources as well as to work with older web-browsers and computer equipment. It will provide at least the following:

- A handbook describing and explaining license requirements.
- Worksheets, templates, and self-assessments to help meet requirements.
- Important links, such as to DOE information sites and downloadable forms.
- Links to SABES staff and teacher peer-coaches who are willing to help.
- Lists of print, video, web, and training resources keyed to particular standards.

The site will be launched very soon, with new information and licensure guidelines added as they are approved by the Department of Ed.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT:

Interested Applicants: Applications for the ABE teacher's license are now being accepted. Applications are available on the Department's web-site at www.doe.mass.edu/cert or by calling 781-338-6600 and requesting an application packet.

ABE PDP providers: When you register your PDP courses on the Department's web-site, please be sure to put "ABE" in either the course name or in the course description. Doing so will allow practitioners to search by the site by the keyword "ABE."

County Houses of Correction

In order to teach in a Massachusetts County Houses of Correction (CHOCs), practitioners need to be licensed Massachusetts teachers.

Bill Toller, Assistant Superintendent from the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Center has confirmed that practitioners interested in teaching in a CHOC, or who are currently teaching in a CHOC, may use the ABE Teacher's License to fulfill the licensure requirement.

Persons interested in teaching in a CHOC who are not currently licensed Massa-

chusetts teachers may apply for a Provisional ABE teacher's license by:

- 1) successfully passing the Communication and Literacy Skills portion of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure; and
- 2) by completing the application for the ABE license, sending it to the Department of Education along with the \$100 fee and with official transcripts.

Practitioners holding a provisional license have up to 5 years to complete the requirements for a Professional ABE license.

Or, experienced ABE practi-

tioners may apply directly for the Professional license by completing the application for the ABE license, sending it to the Department of Education along with the fee (\$100 if never applied for a Mass. educator's license, or \$25 if formerly applied for a Mass. educator's license) and with official transcripts.

The *Regulations for the Licensure of Adult Basic Education Teachers* is now available on the Department's web-site at www.doe.mass.edu/cert

Applications for the license are also available on the web-site or through the Department by calling 781-338-6600.