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Professional Development Opportunity: Summer 2008

Workshop: Content-based English as a Second Language ESL Curriculum Development and Instruction

English language learners today are faced with the challenge of acquiring content knowledge quickly, while they are still developing their English language skills. Content-based English as a second language (ESL) offers an approach to teaching language that can help students learn English more efficiently, as they are exposed to the same content-area topics they encounter in content-area classes, within the context of ESL instruction.

The Office of Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement (OLAAA) is offering professional development workshop this summer entitled *Introduction to Content-based English as a Second Language Curriculum Development and Instruction*. The goal of this workshop is to assist teachers in developing plans for content-based ESL instruction that are strategically designed to help students meet learning outcomes set forth in the ESL curriculum framework, the *Massachusetts English Language Proficiency Benchmarks and Outcomes (ELPBO)*.

The Department has been developing tools for development of content-based ESL curricula and curricular units during the past two years. These workshops represent the beginning of an initiative to disseminate these tools throughout the state.

To accommodate teachers throughout the state, there will be two sections of the seminar offered. The first section will take place at **Bunker Hill Community College in Boston on July 21 and 22, 2008**. The second section will take place at **Holy Cross College in Worcester on July 24 and 25, 2008**. Half-day follow-up meetings will take place on **July 28, 2008 at Bunker Hill Community College, and on July 31, 2008 at Holy Cross College**.

Planning instructional units alone can be an isolating experience. Therefore, ESL teachers are encouraged to apply in teams. Ideal partnerships could include an ESL teacher and a content teacher who share some of the same students, with the goal of developing a content-based unit for implementation during students' ESL instruction. Other suggestions for team composition appear in the application materials. A partnership might also consist of two ESL teachers from neighboring districts who teach at the same grade levels could form a team. Participants are also welcome to apply as individuals, and every attempt will be made to pair ESL teachers who have applied alone.

During the two-day seminar, participants will become familiar with exemplars, templates and other resources OLAAA has developed to support the purposeful planning of content-based ESL instruction. Participants will also begin work on a content-based ESL unit for students at a particular grade span. Participants will have one week to complete the work they have started before attending a half-day follow-up meeting to share their finished products. They will also receive a CD-rom “toolkit” with documents, templates, and samples to assist them in their work.

Upon completion of the requirements of this professional development opportunity, participants will be awarded **30 Professional Development Points (PDPs)**. In addition, participants will leave the final meeting with a useable product that can be piloted during ESL instructional time in the upcoming school year.

Eligibility

1. This professional development opportunity is available to all Massachusetts teachers. We particularly encourage ESL teachers from low-incidence districts to apply.
2. **Participants are encouraged to apply as teams consisting of two to four people.** Teachers from neighboring districts should consider coming together to form a team.
3. All participants must be available to attend all summer professional development days, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. during the first two training dates, and from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on the final half-day.

How to Apply

Complete the application, below by **May 9, 2008** and return to

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Questions

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Summer 2008 Application

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1. Participants are encouraged to apply in teams of two to four members. Ideal teams should include an ESL teacher and a content-area/general education teacher who share the same students, or two ESL teachers who teach at the same grade span.
2. Participants may also apply as individuals. We will pair you with another participant during the workshop.
3. Participants/Teams should plan to develop a curricular unit **focused on one grade span** (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12) **or grade level**.

Some ideas for possible teams:

- Elementary ESL teacher from District A, grade 2 teacher from District A
 - Middle School ESL teacher from District A, 7th grade science teacher from District A, Director of Curriculum from District A
 - Elementary ESL teacher from District B, Elementary ESL teacher from District A, 5th grade teacher from District A.
 - Elementary ESL teacher from District B, reading specialist from District B, grade 3 teacher from District B.
 - District-wide ESL teacher from District A, 9th grade social studies teacher from District A, District-wide ESL teacher from District B.
4. Each accepted participant must be available to attend the two and one-half summer professional development days.

For the two, full-day sessions, participants will choose either July 21 and 22 at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston **or** July 24 and 25 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. The two, full-day sessions run from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For the one, half-day session, participants may attend either July 28 at Bunker Hill Community College **or** July 31 at Holy Cross College. The half-day sessions run from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

5. Prior to the summer professional development days, participants will be asked to review the ESE's "Content-based ESL Curriculum Development Guidance Document" which will be sent upon acceptance of application.
6. **30 Professional Development Points (PDPs)** will be awarded to each participant upon successful completion of required work and attendance at all three sessions.

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1. Please indicate which sections you plan to attend below:

I will attend the following 2-day session (Please Check One):

- 2-day Bunker Hill Session, July 21 and 22, 8:30-3:30 _____
- or
- 2-day Holy Cross Session, July 24 and 25, 8:30-3:30 _____

I will attend the following half-day follow-up (Please Check One):

- Bunker Hill, July 28, 8:30 –12:00 _____
- or
- Holy Cross, July 31, 8:30 –12:00 _____

2. Indicate your district name and complete the following table by typing in the relevant information. If you are applying as a team, please include information for each proposed team member. Print and mail in or fax this form with your completed application.

PLEASE NOTE: EACH APPLICANT MUST FILL OUT AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

<i>Team Member Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Position in District (e.g. 6th grade ESL, Math Dept. Head, middle school science)</i>	<i>Primary Phone</i>	<i>Alternate Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>

3. Please include a maximum 350-word statement explaining why you are interested in working on content-based ESL curriculum and instruction.

4. Mail the completed application (session dates, table, 350-word statement) to Simone Harvey, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement, 350 Main St, Malden, MA 02148.

*If applying as a team, team members' applications should be submitted together as a package. Completed applications must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2008**. Materials may also be faxed to Simone Harvey at (781) 338-3318.*