

Universal Design for Learning: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners

Participants have the opportunity to earn 67.5 PDPs or to purchase 3 graduate credits.

COURSE INFORMATION & COMMITMENTS

Experts in the field from the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) will be the instructors for this series of courses. Each course is designed to be a graduate level course, and is offered at no cost to participants. Participants who complete the course will receive 67.5 PDPs, and will also have the option to purchase college credit at a discounted rate through Salem State College.

Universal Design for Learning: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners is the first of two fifteen week courses that educates participants in the instructional paradigm shift to Universal Design for Learning. This course is designed to provide participants with the framework for using UDL to examine brain networks, students' strengths and needs, and how to redesign lesson plans to implement UDL in the classroom.

The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) course provides opportunities to participate in rigorous pedagogical study and a supportive online professional community.

As a three credit graduate level course, participants are expected to dedicate between 4-7 hours per week to complete course work and interact online with other course participants and professors.

Participants enrolled in the fall 2009 course will have priority enrollment in the second course in this series. Individuals who complete both courses may have the opportunity to participate in a summer leadership seminar.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Neal at hneal@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-3377.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1) Apply online at <https://www.keysurvey.com/survey/260463/6d98/>

Please note:

In order for the electronic application to process, participants are required to provide MassONE user IDs as part of the application. It is the responsibility of the applicants to obtain a MassONE account by communicating with the district MassONE administrator.

MassONE administrator contact information can be found at <http://massone.mass.edu/teachers/register.html>.

If you already have a MassONE account, and need to access your username or reset your password please go to:
<https://massone.doemass.org/passreset/startupAction.do>

2) Principal Support Statement (See Attachment) – by fax or mail

CRITERIA SELECTION

- Quality of application
- Appropriateness of role of applicant
- Support from principal

As space is limited, the Department will consider regional and district representation when selecting course participants and preference will be given to colleagues who apply from the same school.

Applications are due by September 17th and the course will tentatively begin the week of October 5th

**Massachusetts FOCUS Academy on MassONE
Principal Support Statement**

Applicant:

Course:

District:

School:

Principal:

Principal's Telephone Number:

Principal's E-mail Address:

I support the above named individual's participation in Massachusetts FOCUS Academy on MassONE.

Signature of Building Principal

Date

Please fax this form to 781-338-3371 or mail it to:

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