

# ***Youth Development and Self-Determination***

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## **COURSE INFORMATION & COMMITMENTS**

Experts in the field from the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts-Boston (UMASS-Boston) are the instructors for this course.

*Youth Development and Self-Determination* is one of four courses focusing on transition. This fifteen week course focuses on youth development and self-determination and the significance in preparing students to take the lead in their education, career development and community participation. Participants will receive 67.5 PDP upon course completion and will have the option to purchase 3 graduate level credits at discounted rate through UMass Boston

It also provides the opportunity 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 subsequent courses in this series. Individuals who complete two or more courses may have the opportunity to participate in a summer leadership seminar.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Doucette at [ndoucette@doe.mass.edu](mailto:ndoucette@doe.mass.edu) or 781-338-3379.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> and the course will tentatively begin the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

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Signature of Building Principal

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Date

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

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