

PD Update August 2012



Announcements

EL Civics Opportunity

There is an opportunity for small programs offering ESOL instruction to participate in a four week EL Civics pilot with a focus on creating and using learning centers. This will be a four week blended course comprised of video conference, online and webinar sessions. More information will be forthcoming through an email update

MaineSTARS Webinars

If you wish to receive credit for the MaineSTARS **webinars** which took place Aug. 14, 15 & 16, you must register for each individual webinar on the pd portal. There were three sessions for each of the three trainings. Please register for the specific trainings you attended. Please note the dates, times and titles of the trainings when you register.

PD Offerings

Registration on the PD Portal unless otherwise indicated

<http://pdportal.maineadulted.org/courses/>

GED

Aug. 23	GED New Examiner Training in Augusta
Sept. 14	GED New Examiner Training in Portland
TBA	GED New Examiner Training in Houlton
TBA	GED Chief Examiner Training
TBA	GED Testing Accommodation Training Part 2

Technology

Oct. 2	MARTI Integrating Technology Course (MTI) Cohort #3 (new cohort) online with Regional Face to Face meetings scheduled from Sept.18 to 28
Oct. 2	MARTI Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Cohort #2 (new cohort) MTI course is Pre requisite for enrollment in UDL
Oct.2	Designing and Creating a Blended Online Course This will be a ten week course facilitated by David Patterson. Participants will be expected to create a blended course under Creative Commons Licensing, using open educational resources. (Requests for proposals will be forthcoming.)

Directors

Sept. 28 New Director Training in Augusta

Oct. 18 Fall Directors' Meeting in Augusta

WorkReady

Sept. 6 WorkReady Facilitator Training in Augusta

Assessment

Sept. 14 CASAS Basic in Augusta

Sept. 21 CASAS Refresher/Linking to Instruction in Augusta

Reading

Oct. 19 STudent Achievement in Reading (STAR)
Institute #3, Day 5 (Last of three institutes)

Oct. 26 STAR Institute #3, Day 6 (Last day for STAR spring
2012 cohort)

ESOL

Sept. 6 EL Civics Pilot Project
4 week Online blended training for small ESOL
programs. For application and registration information
Contact Nancy 624-6780 or Bob 624-6778

National Conferences

Oct. 17-19 National Career Pathways Network (NCPN)
Richmond, VA <http://www.ncpn.info/2012-ncpn-conf.php>

News/Resources

Career Pathways
[Adult Career Pathways Newsletter Vol.2 Issue 3.htm](#)

[National Career Pathways Network Connections Vol. 22, #4](#)

NAEPDC News, Views, and Clues The State of Adult Education Finance
[State of Adult Education Finances/Sinking or Swimming](#)

GED

[2014 GED® Test Item Samplers](#)

[Assessment Guide for Educators](#)

The three chapters of the *Assessment Guide for Educators* have been updated to provide additional clarity in response to observations from the field.

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ELECTION 2012

Conduct a Mock Election with Adult Ed Learners at Your Adult Ed Program Coming in October, Voter Education, Registration and Action (VERA) 2012 Campaign information available on the New England Literacy Resource Center website www.neirc.org/VERA the home page includes directions for registering your program as participating in VERA efforts this year. There are also links to web-based resources as well as many ready-to-use lessons. Your learners need to be heard in 2012. Help them to prepare to cast their vote-

Public hearings that have been planned by the Commission to Study the Conduct of Elections in Maine

Commission to Study the Conduct of Elections in Maine – Public Hearing Schedule

Augusta – 8/23 at 5:30pm at UMA in the Richard J. Randall Student Ctr., Rm. 138

Portland – 8/30 at 5:30pm at the Portland Public Library in the Rines Auditorium (Lower Level)

Bangor – 9/13 @ 5:30pm at Bangor City Hall – Council Chambers

Farmington – 9/27 at 5:45pm at UMF in Dining Hall C (this PH is following the Clerk's forum at Sugarloaf, which will begin at 3pm).

Lewiston – 10/4 @ 5:30pm at Lewiston High School

Wells – 10/25 @ 5:30pm at York County Community College (YCCC) in the Mid-Cafe

Presque Isle – TBD in November

Machias – TBD in November

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