

PD Update February 2013



Professional development offerings are aligned with Maine Adult Education's vision of pathways toward success in education, career and life. The content is guided by the directions provided by programs through annual professional development plans, the findings of our program review process and the initiatives and directives of our state and federal funding agencies.

Highlights

Career Pathways

There have been and will continue to be numerous resources available in support of programs creating and strengthening their Career Pathways Plans and services. Resources are posted on the Adult Education Webpage. <http://www.maine.gov/education/aded/dev/pathways.htm>

WIKI Invitations coming the first week of February! The Maine Pathways for Success Wiki will serve as the online space for adult education practitioners in Maine to continue to share ideas and resources, and to ask questions as programs move forward with the development and implementation of their *Pathways Plan for Education, Career and Life Success*.

PD Offerings

PLEASE Note, Registration and training information as well as links to News/Events/Resources shared in the update are all posted on the PD Portal unless otherwise indicated with an individual link.

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

NEWS/Updates/Resources <http://pdportal.maineadulted.org/news/>

Assessment

Assessment Strategies and Reading Profiles Video Conference with Dianna Baycich
Follow-up conference call for those who participated in the training on Jan 6th coming in March. Date and time TBA by Dianna.

Career Pathways

All Career Pathways resources are available on the DOE Adult Education web page. <http://www.maine.gov/education/aded/dev/pathways.htm>

Adult Career Pathways Training and Support Center (ACP-SC)

The [Adult Career Pathways Training and Support Center \(ACP-SC\)](#) will offer a number of new courses, resources, and live webcasts in 2013. To date ACP-SC has produced two webcasts, which are available online and support current and upcoming ACP-SC Courses. View current webcasts on the ACP-SC website, in the new Course Premieres section. Current webcasts include:

ACP Webcasts coming soon in 2013!

- Integrating Career Planning and Counseling
- Designing Contextualized Instruction

Common Core State Standards

<http://maine.gov/education/lres/commoncore/index.html>

Contextualized Instruction

Designing Contextualized (Career-Focused) Basic Skills Instruction Cohort #2 four month blended course.

Join an informational webinar on March 8, 2013 to learn more about the course. Information and application are available on the pd portal. Limited openings!
Application deadline is March 29.

Reading

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Technology

Feb. 26 Technology Integration Spring 2013

Feb. 26 Universal Design in Learning (UDL) Spring 2013

Feb. 26 Teaching Students in the Blended Classroom Spring 2013

Must register for these on the PD Portal

Pilot Project using Cell Phones

Call for Participation!

World Education's National College Transition Network invites New England adult educators to apply for a **pilot project using cell phones**. Six teachers from adult education programs from across New England will be selected with at least two of whom prepare learners to enter nursing or other health-related careers. Each teacher will receive a \$1,500 stipend based on participation in all meetings and trainings and successful completion of the field-testing with his/her students. Please submit your application online **by February 15, 2013**. You can expect to hear from NCTN by February 28, 2013.

Writing

Beyond the Five Paragraph Essay Follow-up Conference Call for those who participated in the Jan. 16th video conference with Dianna Baycich to be scheduled in March by Dianna.

SAVE the DATE!

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| Feb. 28 | Hall of Flags | State Capitol, Augusta |
| March 1 | EL Civics Training | Lewiston |
| March 8 | New Director Training Part III | Burton Cross Building, Augusta |
| March 15 | CASAS Basic | Augusta and Video Conference Northern ME |
| March 22 | CASAS Linking to Instruction | Augusta and Video Conference Northern ME |
| March 24-27 | COABE Conference | New Orleans, LA |
| April 4 | Family Literacy Conference | Thomas College, Waterville |
| April 11 | Spring Directors' Meeting | TBD |
| May 9 | WorkReady Facilitator Training | Augusta |
| June 18, 19 & 20 | MAEA Conference | Waterville |

Webinars

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[Building Strategic Partnerships for Adult Career Pathways](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to build strategic partnerships for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Mary Alice McCarthy, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Matthew Saldana, Principal, Long Beach School for Adults; and Anthony Iacono, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Indian River State College.

[Developing Effective Bridge Programs](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to develop effective bridge programs for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Christopher Coro, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy; Thomas DuBois, Director of New Initiatives, Instituto del Progreso Latino; and Donald McCoy, K-to-College STEM Education Consultant.

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- Integrating Career Planning and Counseling
- Designing Contextualized Instruction

Resources, News and Events

Career Pathways

National Career Pathways Network
<http://www.ncpn.info/award-info.php>

College Transition

Resources available from the Maine CT conference held in December and also from the National College Transition Network Conference (NCTN) in November under Resources on the Portal.

GED

GED Testing Service's Assessment Team has updated the *Assessment Guide for Educators* and *Item Samplers*, both of which are posted online in revised form on 12-4-12. Each tool is an important component that GED created to help familiarize you with the 2014 GED® test. The changes and adaptations to the tools are a direct result of the valuable feedback they've received from the field.

[Assessment Guide for Educators – November 2012](#)

[Item Samplers – November 2012](#)

Each chapter of the [Assessment Guide for Educators - November 2012 edition](#) includes a "What's New" page after the table of contents that identifies and explains the updates made to the revision. You are encouraged to delete or discard your old version of the guide and use the newest version (*made available 12-4-12*).

The Item Samplers have also been updated. The new Item Samplers were created to better reflect the wider range of item difficulty representative of the 2014 GED® test and to include a greater proportion of the multiple-choice item type, while continuing to showcase the full range of item types that will appear on the test. The new samplers can be found on the [same page as before](#), and feature interactive test questions for Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts.

Questions or comments? Feel free to email GED2014@GEDtestingservice.com.

Testing Service announces new webinars on the 2014 GED® test to be held January and February 2013. For full description and topic listings link to the News on the PD Portal.

News from World Education

Promoting Mental Health in the ABE/ESOL Classroom is brand new!

Facilitated courses starting in January are listed below. Visit www.ProfessionalStudiesAE.org for the full course list including free self-paced courses. Register early to ensure a spot. Contact Leah Peterson at 617-385-3740 or lpeterson@worlded.org with any registration questions or to learn about our group discounts.

Promoting Mental Health in the ABE/ESOL Classroom

This six-week course explores the ways in which chronic stress, trauma, and adverse life experiences affect learning. It also introduces some teaching approaches and strategies that promote emotional and psychological well-being to help students learn more efficiently. We look at our roles as educators in helping learners practice healthy coping skills, develop supports, and connect to community resources. In addition, we explore the value of expressive arts as a way to build community, encourage creative imagination, and enhance mental health for adult learners.

Course Dates: February 19 to April 1, 2013

Full Course Description: [download PDF](#)

Course Instructor: Lenore Balliro

Estimated Completion Time: 24 hours/6 weeks

Course Fee: \$269.00

Registration: <http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/register.html>

For more online courses offered by World Ed see NEWS/EVENTS on the PD Portal.

New! Working with Emergent Readers Club is now available.

Join the Club today!

ELL-U Clubs are virtual spaces where members form a community to facilitate professional learning and development around a specific topic. The Working with Emergent Readers Club allows new and experienced teachers working with English language learners in the beginning stages of acquiring print literacy the opportunity to share ideas and resources. Members of this club can participate in topical activities, such as book groups, field trips, shared teaching ideas, and Learning Plans.

Upcoming Working with Emergent Readers Club activities to participate in:

Book Group

January 14, 2013 through April 5, 2013

Current Selection: [Learning for LIFE: An ESL Literacy Handbook](#)
by Bow Valley College. (2009).

Engage in a discussion with other club members on a pivotal work on the topic of working with emergent readers! The reading selection is available for free as a downloadable document. Every two weeks a new reading section is scheduled for moderated discussion, join at any time!

Field Trip

January 28, 2013 through February 8, 2013

New American Horizons: Teaching ESL to Adults - Classroom Approaches in Action
In this field trip participants will watch a video in which a teacher uses a Whole-Part-Whole approach with her adult literacy students and then discuss it with other club members.



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