

Subj: **NVC 010313 Seeking Advice on On-Line Graduate Certificate**
 Date: 1/4/2013 12:09:07 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
 From: lmclendon@naepdc.org

NAEPDC

News, Views, and Clues

January 3, 2013

Seeking Advice on On-line Graduate Certificate

Penn State, through the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy, is developing an adult education on-line graduate level professional certificate.

Barbara VanHorn at the Institute is soliciting 3-5 state directors, state staff and/or state professional development colleagues to help with the design to include:

- Reviewing syllabi
- Providing input on course content
- Advising on ways the certificate could complement state professional development initiatives.

If you are interested in helping Barbara with the design, please contact her at:

Barbara VanHorn
 email: blv1@psu.edu
 phone: 814-865-5876

Here are some details:

This online, post-baccalaureate certificate could be a useful step in preparing adult educators to assume leadership positions in your state's adult education and/or family literacy system/s, for example, as program administrators or lead teachers.

Faculty in the Adult Education Program and the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy at Penn State are developing a post-baccalaureate (graduate level courses) professional certificate to help professionalize educators working in adult basic education programs or teaching developmental education courses at community colleges. To have this certificate be useful, however, we know that it's important to have input from the field. We hope to engage some of you and/or your staff in providing input and feedback as the certificate develops to best meet your state's professional development goals. We have generated a list of courses from which adult educators would choose the 4 courses needed for a 12-credit certificate. This list includes basic adult education courses (i.e., Introduction to Adult Education, Teaching Adults, Administration of Adult Education Programs, Planning Programs for Adult Education); however, we will develop or adapt existing online courses on teaching basic skills (i.e., Reading and Writing, Math and Numeracy, and English Language Skills) that focus on teaching those skills to adults. At this point, we have agreed only that the basic skills focused courses would need to 1) align with OVAE's current projects on using the common core in adult education, 2) focus on activities appropriate for educators working in the adult basic education system, and 3) cover cultural and economic (and other) issues that are prevalent in the population/s of adults who are served via the system. The certificate is being designed to allow participants to take two required courses (to be determined) and 2 other courses from the list of approved courses to complete the certificate. The courses also could be used towards completion of a graduate degree in adult education.

If you would like to be involved in the development of this certificate, we would ask you to review syllabi, provide input into the course content, and discuss issues such as ways in which the certificate could be used as part of a state professional development plan.

If you are interested, please contact Barb Van Horn at blv1@psu.edu or at 814-865-5876 for further information.

Barbara VanHorn
Co-Director
Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy
Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy
College of Education, Penn State University
email: blv1@psu.edu
phone: 814-865-5876

All NAEPDC News, Views, and Clues are archived at:
http://naepdc.org/news_views_clues/nvc_home.html

Keep up the good work. Let me know when we can help.

NAEPDC

A Natural Resource For Adult Education State Directors and their Staff Members

Dr. Lennox L. McLendon, Executive Director

lmclendon@naepdc.org

www.naepdc.org

202.624.5250

202.624.1497 FAX