

# AccelerateU

## Professional Development

Pilots for 2010-2011

### **Online Professional Development**

AccelerateU offers a full range of on-line course work relative to NYS Standards initiatives that are easy to use and available to thousands of customers anytime, any place, at any pace.

- **These online course pilots will run from January 31, 2011—March 14, 2011**
- **This course pilot is *free of charge* with a limited number of participants.**
- **Registrations will be accepted upon a first come first serve basis.**

### **Helping Students Cope With Stress**

What are some of the best ways that students can cope with stress in their lives? This timely 7 hour course is intended as an introduction to students' educational, relationship, loss, trauma, and familial stress which negatively affect learning. Typical warning signs as well as physical, mental and emotional effects of stress will be discussed. This course will provide educators and administrators with ideas for alleviating student stress. Ways that students can use/ develop coping strategies and tools to help build resiliency will be addressed.

### **Literacy in the Content Areas**

Stimulate critical thinking, reinforce concepts, and engage students through focused, task-specific content area writing assignments. In this seven hour course, designed for core and content area teachers in grades 4-12, explore how writing to demonstrate knowledge can: help students learn and construct understanding of key concepts, move students to analyze and synthesize information, and provide a vehicle for students to represent their knowledge. Special focus on two categories of content-area writing, Writing-to-Learn assignments and Authentic Writing tasks, provide content-area teachers with a research-based vehicle for scaffolding and deepening students' understanding of key concepts while improving student engagement. Graphic organizers, frameworks for learning through writing, rubrics, sample assignments and ideas for integrating technology, are all included in the course, so that you can start students immediately!

### **Energize Your Classroom: Simulations, Role-plays, and Serious games**

Have you ever wanted to know what it was like on "The Titanic" during the last frantic moments? Could you decide who should live and who should die in a completely new society? Join us for this exciting 7 hour course that will provide teachers with opportunities for in-depth investigations of simulation and role-playing techniques for the classroom. Participants will actively engage in various games and simulations and create teaching materials.

### **Response to Intervention**

Response to Intervention – This 7 hour course will cover the basics of Response to Intervention (RtI) for teachers and administrators, the background of RtI and state mandate to implement the program, as well as the structure and components. You will learn: the differences between Tiers 1, 2 and 3, the importance of a solid Tier 1 program, how benchmarks and progress monitoring are used, how to build an effective RtI team, how to use RtI to document a learning disability, and how to communicate information to staff members and parents. Participation in this course will expand your knowledge base of RtI and provide you with resources from other practitioners who are in the initial stages of implementing Response to Intervention in their school or district.

**Please Print (Only one form per district is required)**

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District : \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*(required for registration confirmation)

If you have not received an e-mail confirmation at least three days before you workshop is scheduled, please call Ronnie Mortensen at 1-315-332-7439 or e-mail [rmortensen@wflboces.org](mailto:rmortensen@wflboces.org) to check on the status of your registration.

Please check what course you would like to participate in (only one course per participant):

- Response to Intervention
- Helping Students Cope with Stress
- Energize Your Classroom: Simulations, Role-Plays and Serious Games
- Literacy in the Content Areas

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Please obtain an administrator's signature prior to submitting form

Signature of Authorizing Administrator (required)

**Return to:**

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