

FY15 Winter/Spring PLU Course Catalog

Course ID:	PLU150008						
Title of Workshop:	Teaching with Poverty in Mind--Online Course						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Face to Face: Tuesday; February 10, 2015; All other Sessions Online						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm (face to face)						
Ending Time:	5:00pm (face to face)						
Location:	Houston County BOE; Wing C Auditorium						
Instructors:	Jennifer Birdsong						
Target Audience:	K-12 System or School Level Administrators and Teachers						
Class Limit:	Unlimited						
Description:	<p>This course will focus on strategies working with teenage students in poverty and will primarily utilize three resources: <i>Teaching with Poverty in Mind and Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind, and Turnaround Tools for the Teenage Brain</i> by Eric Jensen. Attendees will not only learn what poverty does to the developing brain of teenage children, but will move beyond theory to learn practical strategies and best practices for working with these children each day. We will explore poverty within the context of the school culture and classroom environment and also look at best practices that can be utilized on a daily basis with existing curriculum and standards to move student achievement of the low socioeconomic student forward and close the achievement gap. As an on-line course, teachers will meet face-to-face for the initial class and utilize the Edmodo platform and on-line modules to apply the learning and incorporate technology to continue the discussion and learning.</p>						
Number of PLUs	2						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU150009						
Title of Workshop:	OneNote for All: Effectively using OneNote 2013 in the Classroom						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Thursday; February 12, 19, 26, 2015; Tuesday; February 24, 2015						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Houston County Career Academy, Room 131						
Instructors:	Michael Folse & Larry Wadsworth						
Target Audience:	Teachers, Administrators, and all other certified staff at all school levels						
Class Limit:	15						
Description:	<p>This course will cover the basic functions of OneNote 2013 as well as illustrating how this program can be used as a collaboration tool for teachers, administrators, and students. Participants will also be taught how to create online notebooks in OneDrive that can be shared with students, administrators, and fellow teachers. At the end of the course, participants will have an opportunity to become certified in OneNote 2013 by taking the Microsoft Office Specialist OneNote exam.</p>						
Number of PLUs	1						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU150010						
Title of Workshop:	OneNote for All: Effectively using OneNote 2013 in the Classroom						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Tuesday; March 3, 10, 2015; Thursday; March 5, 12, 2015						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	6:30pm						
Location:	Houston County Career Academy, Room 131						
Instructors:	Michael Folse & Larry Wadsworth						
Target Audience:	Teachers, Administrators, and all other certified staff at all school levels						
Class Limit:	15						
Description:	This course will cover the basic functions of OneNote 2013 as well as illustrating how this program can be used as a collaboration tool for teachers, administrators, and students. Participants will also be taught how to create online notebooks in OneDrive that can be shared with students, administrators, and fellow teachers. At the end of the course, participants will have an opportunity to become certified in OneNote 2013 by taking the Microsoft Office Specialist OneNote exam.						
Number of PLUs	1						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228, ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU150011						
Title of Workshop:	Introduction to the Exceptional Child						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Wednesdays; February 11, 18, 25, 2015; March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015; April 8, 15, 22, 2015						
Beginning Time:	4:00pm						
Ending Time:	9:00pm						
Location:	Houston County BOE, Wing C Auditorium						
Instructors:	Zabrina Cannady						
Target Audience:	Teachers and Paraprofessionals						
Class Limit:	25						
Description:	This course is an overview of the legislation behind the provision of special education for students with disabilities, the process of identifying students with disabilities, the categories of special education <i>exceptionalities, characteristics of those exceptionalities, and instructional strategies for teaching students with those exceptionalities.</i> The course will place emphasis on Georgia State rules and regulations pertaining to special education and implementation of those rules and regulations in Houston County Schools.						
Number of PLUs	5						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan 478-988-6228 ext. 10228						

Course ID:	PLU150012						
Title of Workshop:	Teaching Reading and Writing in the Secondary Classroom						
Date(s) of Workshop:	Mondays; February 23, 2015; March 9, 16, 23, 2015; April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015; May 4, 2015						

Beginning Time:	3:45pm						
Ending Time:	8:45pm						
Location:	TBD						
Instructors:	Cheryl Lynn Daniels						
Target Audience:	Middle and High School Teachers						
Class Limit:	20						
Description:	The class will provide the secondary teacher strategies and techniques for enabling students to comprehend texts, methods for using writing to enhance learning and increase comprehension, and skills for evaluating student strengths and needs in the area of reading comprehension.						
Number of PLUs	5						
Contact Person:	Sharon Moore/Rosie Swan						
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