

Online/Distance Learning Opportunities

- Flinders University offers distance study for postgraduate work in Special Education, Teaching, Education Leadership and Management. For more information contact Jeanette Holt at jeanette.holt@flinders.edu.au
- Websites for online learning:
www.about-elearning.com
www.pamojaeducation.com
www.leadered.com/webinars.html

Workshops and Conferences Attended by Faculty in August and September

Addressing Eating Disorders in International Schools

Emotional Intelligence and Teacher Effectiveness

Common Assessments from Start to Finish

Literacy Coach Institute

Making Inclusion Happen: 4 Keys to Differentiation

Applied Theatre

IB English Language and Literature

IB Thai Language and Literature

Intensive English Course: Academic Writing

Foreign Language Performance, Assessment, and Instruction Practice

Master Degree of Education: Curriculum and Instruction

Certificate of Educational Technology and Information Literacy

Presenter at ONESQA Accreditation Workshop—Nichapa Srisuk

Online Practicum: College of New Jersey

Professional Development Update

Lisa M. Manson



RIS/RIST Professional Development Initiatives Off to a Great Start

During the months of August and September, 67 staff members have taken advantage of courses offered here on the RIS/RIST campus.

After the departure of Dave Cote, our school needed a new first aid instructor. We were fortunate to find Graham Wardle from New International School of Thailand to offer instruction through Emergency First Response. On August 28th 17 people took part in a training in Griffith Library, receiving a certificate valid for 24 months. Two staff members, Gerry Steiert and Kevin Leinbach, will pursue further training to become certified instructors, providing future instruction for our staff.

On August 23rd, Kat Hudson and Madeleine Bystrom provided a two hour refresher course for 11 staff members on 6+1 Writing Traits. Beginning August 29th they also started an in-depth training on the traits for 11 more people. The

course will continue for seven two-hour Monday afternoon sessions until October 10th. They will begin the second semester course on February 20th.

August 30th kicked off our first semester course of Teaching ESL Students in the Mainstream Classroom. Alex Villasenor, Kathleen Ghanem, and Dr. Andy Goodman alternate sessions to offer instruction for our staff. Currently 9 peo-

ple are taking advantage of their expertise. Dates are still under consideration for second semester. The three instructors also piloted a three hour refresher session to review TESMC strategies for 19 staff members who signed up to take part.

Thank you to all of our hardworking instructors who go above and beyond in providing us with vital information to help keep students safe and improve learning.



Teaching ESL in the Mainstream Classroom Participants

EARCOS Teacher Conference Tryouts

RIS/RIST EARCOS representatives, Olivier Fernandez and Richard Moore, have been hard at work advertising the upcoming 2012 EARCOS Teacher Conference and encouraging staff to try out for a chance to be selected to present at the conference in March. The one hour sessions developed are

to be related to the strands of Literacy/Reading, Math, Special Needs, Modern Languages, Counseling, ESL, and Library.

Seven staff members have bravely stepped forward with proposals and will be trying out in front of RIS/RIST staff on October 5th during early

release time. Tim Pettine, Torie Leinbach and Pascale Thomas, Michael Wilson, Melanie Shafaat, Pongsatorn Kaewngam, and Dr. Andy Goodman will be presenting sessions on various topics. We thank them for their time and efforts, wish them the best, and look forward to giving them our support.