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MEMORANDUM

- TO: District Postsecondary CTE Directors District Technical College Directors Florida College System Workforce Administrators
- **FROM:** Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.
- **DATE:** August 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Fall Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Faculty Professional Development Opportunity

The Division of Career and Adult Education is once again pleased to announce that the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) will be offering Florida College System career and technical education (CTE) faculty and postsecondary school district technical college/center faculty a microcredential training opportunity to improve student success and outcomes. Florida's Perkins V <u>State Plan</u> is committed to efforts aimed at recruiting, retaining and supporting postsecondary CTE faculty and a limited number of seats for this training opportunity will be provided through Perkins funds.

Faculty will have the ability to participate in several micro-courses focused on the learning and implementing of research-based teaching practices, <u>each shown to improve student success</u>. Courses will be professionally facilitated and delivered online with a cohort of faculty members, with whom faculty participants will share insights and ideas. These courses also lead towards the attainment of the **Certificate in Effective College Instruction**, the only college teaching credential endorsed by the <u>American Council on Education</u>.

The fall's offering will be **Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment**, which will provide participants with practices to create an optimal environment to support learning.

Deadlines and Application Information

- Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment courses begin on September 26, 2022.
- Cohorts typically complete one module per week, requiring 2-3 hours of activity.
- Interested faculty are encouraged to apply by September 8, 2022, through this link: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/BDYUP1fttJ.</u>

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Administrators, deans, and directors are encouraged to share the application link directly with faculty, particularly targeting those new to teaching. Selection notifications will be sent out the week of September 12, 2022. Seating is limited. Faculty unable to participate this spring are encouraged to apply during a future sign up window anticipated for spring 2023.

Supporting teachers and faculty, particularly in their first years of service, is critical to achieving the goal of becoming number one in the nation for workforce education by 2030.

Please contact Lee Chipps-Walton, Manager of CTE Strategic Initiatives, at <u>Lee.Chipps-Walton@fldoe.org</u> or 850-245-0911 with questions or comments.

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