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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Workforce Administrators

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education

DATE: March 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Florida College System Career and Technical Education Faculty Development Opportunity

Florida's Perkins V [State Plan](#) is committed to efforts aimed at recruiting, retaining and supporting postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) faculty. I am pleased to share that Florida College System (FCS) CTE faculty will have a new professional development opportunity as part of our commitment to instructional excellence and student success.

Through a partnership with the Florida Student Success Center (FSSC), the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) and Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), the Division of Career and Adult Education is able to offer three cohorts of 33 faculty members each (99 faculty in total) across the FCS the opportunity to enroll in ACUE's *Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learning in Your Online Course* this summer and fall.

This six-module course prepares faculty in evidence-based teaching practices proven through independently validated research to motivate students online, use data and feedback to improve online teaching, integrate visualization tools in online courses, and develop self-directed online learners to improve student achievement and close equity gaps. Faculty who complete the course will earn a micro credential towards the *Certificate in Effective College Instruction* based on the Effective Practice Framework, the only college teaching credential endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). The Framework was developed in collaboration with educators and independently validated by experts in teaching, learning, and the cognitive sciences native to the online environment.

The six-module course will span over 6-8 weeks. The first cohort is scheduled to start June 11th and end prior to the end of the summer. Depending on faculty scheduling preference, we may run a second cohort in summer if there is high demand. The next set of cohorts are scheduled to start September 10th and end prior to the close of the fall 2021 semester. Depending on faculty preference and demand, we may run one cohort or two cohorts in the fall.

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All CTE faculty (both full-time and adjunct) teaching both CTE college credit courses and CTE clock hour courses in any discipline are eligible to participate in this opportunity since space is limited. In addition, we encourage you to consider how this opportunity could help meet faculty's annual goals, continuing contract review criteria, and/or any collective bargaining agreement requirements that may exist.

I am mindful that our partners in the FSSC are currently hosting an ACUE cohort for one liberal arts/general education and one from workforce education faculty member per college for the 12 Florida Pathway Institute colleges. The FSSC cohort is separate, and the faculty members are participating in the Effective Teaching Practices Full Credential that has already launched and will run during the spring 2021 and fall 2021 semesters.

For this reason, I would advise not nominating a CTE faculty member already enrolled in FSSC full credential cohort to avoid duplication of content. In addition, we recognize some FCS institutions have their own independent cohort agreements with ACUE in which CTE faculty may have already completed the course being launched this summer and fall.

Please use the survey instrument located [HERE](#) to nominate up to four CTE faculty for this opportunity no later than Friday, April 9th. Ideally the cohorts will reflect a broad representation of the FCS and disciplines. Nominees will be selected and notified the week of May 3rd and prior to course launch our partners at ACUE will host information sessions for nominated faculty to better understand the course structure, delivery and expectations. In the meantime, should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Kathleen Taylor at 850-245-9062 or Kathleen.taylor@fldoe.org.

We are grateful for your resilience and commitment to our students during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



Henry Mack
Chancellor

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