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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:	Florida College System Workforce Administrators
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FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

**DATE:** July 1, 2021

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

As you may recall, last spring, we announced 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) to offer three cohorts of 33 faculty members (99 faculty in total) the opportunity to enroll in ACUE's *Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learning in Your Online Course* this summer and fall. I am pleased to share that our summer cohort launched with 27 CTE faculty members from across the FCS on June 11. We now would like to turn our attention to the next two cohorts which will run during the fall semester. We have 25 seats available for faculty to be nominated.

As a reminder, 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 achievement 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 fall cohorts are scheduled to start September 10th and end prior to the close of the fall 2021 semester. 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 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.

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Please use the survey instrument located <u>HERE</u> to nominate up to 2 CTE faculty for this opportunity no later than **Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**. Nominees will be selected and notified the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Prior to course launch our partners at ACUE will host information sessions for nominated faculty to better understand the course structure, delivery and expectations. Previously nominated faculty have already confirmed their participation for fall do not need to be re-nominated. In the meantime, should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Kathleen Taylor at 850-245-9062 or <u>Kathleen.taylor@fldoe.org</u>.

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