

**Fall Course Offerings**

Teacher Center courses scheduled for October - December can be found on our Institute website. All course registrations must be submitted through **My Learning Plan**. If your school district is a subscriber to **MLP**, you will find our courses integrated in your local professional development catalog. You should register online and it will be electronically sent to your district administrator for approval.

Nonsubscribers will be required to register as a **MLP** participant. Registration is free and only has to be done once.

Course registrants are able to view the status of their courses, print out their course completion form, and complete the course evaluation form through the **MLP** system. Course instructors are able to view and download their rosters, email their participants, download the sign-in sheets, and view completed evaluation forms through their **MLP** account.



**Using Action Research to Identify and Gather Reliable Evidence of Improved Student Learning**

The **Race to the Top** initiative focuses on the need to improve student achievement. Teachers in all school districts are being asked to document evidence of improved student learning, examine student work, and document improvement. It is important for teachers to be able to identify reliable sources of student work and assessments (outside of standardized test data) that will meet new state and national requirements. Action Research is a collaborative activity where teachers can work together to help one another design and carry out investigations in their classrooms. In this course, you will identify sources of student learning that will best reflect their achievement and use these sources in your project. While you will select and define the topic of your project, Dr. Joann Noto, a well-known expert in the field of Action Research, will help you to identify a question to study, guide you through the process, and will help you engage in a process which will lead to answers to improve your classroom teaching and your student performance. **In addition to the 5 meeting dates, teachers will spend a minimum of 20 hours on independent research.**

Dates: Wed., Nov. 2, 9; Dec 7; Jan. 11; Feb 8  
 (SD: Feb. 15)  
 Time: 4:00 - 6:00PM  
 Place: Woodlands HS - Library  
 Credit: 2 Inservice  
 Fee: \$100 for consortium members  
 \$225 for non consortium members  
 Grade: K-12

**Reduced Fee For Consortium Members**

**Professional Diploma - School Building Leader**

The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center, in collaboration with Manhattanville College, began a new cohort for the School Building Leader this fall.

This 30-credit program offers teachers a Professional Diploma in School Building Leadership which will lead to initial/professional certification as a school building leader. The cost for each course is \$1,375 (a discount of 47% from the on campus tuition).

The first course is already underway but if you are interested in joining the cohort beginning with the second course which starts at the end of October, email the Center as soon as possible for registration information.

Distinguished Lecturer Series:  
*"Developing Self, Developing Others:  
 Implications of New York State's New Teacher and Leader  
 Evaluation System for School Leaders"*



This lecture is being co-sponsored by the Manhattanville College School of Education. Dr. Margaret (Terry) Orr, Director of the Future Leaders Academy at Bank Street College, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Orr has been extensively involved in leadership preparation and development, school restructuring and improvement and she has been instrumental in helping to frame the assessment system for school administrators. RSVP by September 23, 2011 to putortil@mville.ed or call 914 323-3153.

Date: Wed., October 5, 2011  
 Time: 4:20 - 6:00PM  
 Place: Ophir Room, Reid Castle  
 2900 Purchase Street  
 Purchase, NY 10577

**FREE**

**Inservice Courses Starting in October**

The following online and in person courses are beginning next month. To register for one of these course or to find out more specifics, please go to our website and click on *My Learning Plan*.

**ONLINE COURSES**

- \* Technology Resources at your Fingertips
- \* Pragmatic Approaches for Teaching Poetry
- \* Creating Global Pioneers
- \* Developing your Students' Research Skills
- \* ZOOM IN! Teaching with Flicks
- \* A Reading Toolbox for the Content Teacher

**ONSITE COURSES**

- \* Integrating iPads into your Curriculum - (Hybrid Course)
- \* Teaching History as a Discipline
- \* Cultural Journeys to Enrich Instruction: The Mighty Hudson River Valley



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