



REGIONAL OFFICE of EDUCATION

Bi-County Brief

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LICENSURE UPDATE-AS USUAL?

Someday--but not today – we hope we will not have to give monthly updates to licensure, but there are some important reminders for educators before the end of the year. First, any paraprofessionals who applied for a license between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 must make sure that the license is registered. If not registered before January 1, 2015 the license will lapse and will result in additional lapsed fees of \$150. Second, anyone in mid-cycle may use a qualifying experience to meet PD requirements. If the experience is either a new endorsement or additional degree, it must be entered in ELIS by December 31. Third, we want to remind everyone that professional development completed prior to July 1, 2014 does not have to be entered into ELIS until the end of your cycle. Credit earned on or after July 1, 2014 must be entered into ELIS before July 1, 2015. ISBE will not be extending this deadline to get your credit in the system. Remember, the requirement is to enter the credit within 60 days, so credit earned on or after April 1, 2015 must be entered within 60 days, or you will not be able to count the credit. Fourth, starting January 1, 2015 only approved providers may issue hours of professional development. ISBE extended the deadline for all providers to January. This means, for example, if you attend an out-of-state conference and want credit for the learning experience, an approved provider will need to issue the credit. You should check with your district prior to attending the conference to determine if the credit will be issued. Finally, as a reminder, there are no longer specific values assigned to professional learning activities as we used to reference in the CPDU chart. The good aspect of this is that this will provide flexibility for activities. The challenge will be finding a provider to approve the activity. Our recommendation is that you review the general criteria for credit. The simplest rule we have shared with educators is that the activity should provide you, the educator, with new knowledge and/or skills that will help your performance with students' achievements socially, emotionally and academically. More information is available at <http://www.isbe.net/licensure> and by selecting the PowerPoint, "Overview of License Renewal PowerPoint Presentation."

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Oops! We apologize for omitting two important recognitions in last month's Bi-County Institute article. Lori Brutton was instrumental in arranging room assignments and rearranging the library for a last-minute change of venue. Thanks, Lori! And Ginny Rusteberg, a Prairie du Rocher teacher, was overlooked as a Valmeyer school board member. Sorry, Ginny!

LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the publication of the Institute Fund receipts and disbursements for Monroe and Randolph counties as required by Public Act 84-120 on or before January 1st of each year. A detailed list of all receipts and expenditures is available for public inspection at the Regional Superintendent's Office, 107 East Mill Street, Waterloo, IL 62298.

Annual Institute Fund Report July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Balance on hand July 1, 2013	\$ 35,638.91	DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance on hand June 30, 2014	\$ 31,271.67	Personnel – Salary & Benefits	11,648.54
		Supplies & Materials	-
REVENUE		Copying/Postage/Telephone	674.43
Fees – Teacher Certification & Registration	10,635.00	Presenter Deposit for Bi-County Institute	2,750.00
Interest Earned on Account	70.73	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 15,072.97
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 10,705.73		

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Engaging Students with Questions, December 11, 2014

- “3 hours seemed like 30 minutes.”
- “showed how to think outside the box”
- “great handouts and ways to use activities in the classroom”

Another word past participants used over and over again when evaluating this workshop is *relevant*. Every teacher wants something that is relevant for immediate use in the classroom. Don’t miss this useful workshop at SWIC Red Bud, 8:30-3:30 in Room 152.

Common Core Reading for Content Area Teachers, January 14, 2015

- “plenty of useful ideas”
- “love the graphic organizers and Questions→ that will prompt students”
- “handouts with examples that I can use in my classroom tomorrow!”

Still another participant called this workshop “quite possibly the most useful experience toward implementing Common Core.” How can you not attend a workshop this valuable? Make sure to register for January 14 at SWIC Red Bud, Room 123, 8:30-3:30.

PARCC Overview and Accessibility Features, January 22, 2015, Foundational Services

- “This workshop provided more than I thought possible!”
- “This workshop answered a lot of questions that I had with the testing.”

Presenters Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney received kudos like this from past participants: “Very knowledgeable about how to prepare for the PARCC tests and how to help our students prepare.” If you need help in understanding the PARCC assessments, this is the workshop for you, Thursday, January 22 at SWIC Red Bud, Room 123 from 8:30-3:30.

Close Reading and Text Complexity, January 27, 2015

- “Please offer again and stress the importance for all subject areas.”
- “PLEASE offer again and emphasize the importance of this for all content areas.”

Have you heard the saying, “Great minds think alike”? Obviously two former participants agree that this workshop – that luckily Rosie Gardner and Deb Greaney are offering again – is a must for all educators. Take advantage of a repeat performance on Tuesday, January 27 from 8:30-3:30 in Room 123, SWIC Red Bud.

How Do I Know What They Know? February 4, 2015

- “The best feature of this activity was the ‘Formative Assessment Tool Kit.’”
- “Great ideas!”

Small-group discussion was another perk of this popular workshop, and the “Formative Assessment Tool Kit” on a ring is a handy resource for everyone. Plan to attend this workshop on Wednesday, February 4 at SWIC Red Bud for 6 PD hours.

*** Register for all ROE workshops at www.educationregistration.org/roe45 by one week prior to the event. Cost for ROE workshops is \$65 with lunch on your own. There is no charge for Foundational Services workshops ***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 4, 2014	Beyond Narrative Writing for the CC	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 9, 2014	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Dec. 11, 2014	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Dec. 11, 2014	Engaging Students with Questions	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 12, 2014	School Counselors’ Meeting	SWIC Room 152, Red Bud	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Dec. 12, 2014	Common Core Mathematics	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Dec. 16, 2014	Rules & Regulations for Joint Committee	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Dec. 17, 2014	RtI Networking Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Jan. 13, 2015	CCSI/OKAW Board of Control	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	9:00 am - 11:00 am
Jan. 14, 2015	CC Reading for Content Area Teachers	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Jan. 16, 2015	Superintendents’ Council Meeting	SWIC Conf. Room, Red Bud	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jan. 22, 2015	PARCC Overview & Accessibility Features	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Jan. 22, 2015	Principals’ Meeting	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Jan. 27, 2015	CC Shift 1: Close Reading & Text Comp.	SWIC Room 123, Red Bud	8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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