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NEW ADULT EDUCATION DIRECTOR NAMED



Valerie Fischer has been appointed the new Adult Education and Literacy program Director for the State of ND.

Valerie holds masters degrees in guidance/counseling and management, with undergraduate

degrees in sociology, criminal justice and psychology. She has been with the Department of Public Instruction for 14 years; working in secondary special education before assuming the role of Director of School Health in 2004. She is a licensed professional counselor and a certified rehabilitation counselor. She is responsible for unit oversight to include: School Health, Title IV – Safe & Drug Free Schools, Adult Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Even Start, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Valerie sees this appointment as an exciting opportunity to work with all the Adult Learning Center Directors staff to implement the State Plan to affect the personal and professional goals for ND citizens. Future goals include access of additional state funds, expansion of adult education services, staffing needs to meet the needs of growing populations with special needs (special education, ELL), continue to develop local and state level partnerships and work with Centers to adequately prepare students for the world of work and entry into post-secondary programs.

Home Science Tools

<http://www.hometrainingtools.com/>

This site was named a Gold Award winner in the 2007 National Parenting Publications Awards. There are real hands-on tools that children ages 8 and up can use to get out and discover nature in their own backyard or local area in the **Young Naturalist's Backpack Kit**.

Frank and Debbie Schaner started this business started in 1994 and it has expanded to include much more. Their original goal was to provide science equipment to home school parents, but their business expanded to help all kids enjoy science.

In addition to the home school science tools they also have a monthly newsletter which is emailed to subscribers. This newsletter is full of science information. They also have many books for sale which give many science activities and many ideas on their website.

Teaching Tips:

http://www.hometrainingtools.com/articles/acat_teaching-tips.html

Science Projects:

http://www.hometrainingtools.com/articles/acat_science-projects.html

Phone number is: 406-256-0990

1-800-860-6272

Address:

665 Carbon Street
Billings, MT 59102

Professional Development Classes from UND

Check out UND Professional Development for Educators NEW Web site to find summer learning opportunities!

Are your teachers asking, "What's available for professional learning opportunities this summer?" Great news! The University of North Dakota Professional Development for Educators' new Web site has been launched and lists all the summer workshops and conferences that offer UND credit. Visit <http://educators.und.edu> to find out more!

Click on "Register Now for Summer Workshops" and use the drop-down menus to search for workshops and courses by location, topic area, or date. You can also click "Online Courses for Teachers" to find other opportunities for receiving professional development credit at any time of the year!

Contact Professional Development for Educators with questions or requests:

Toll Free: 1-866-261-3677

Local: 701-777-4814

E-mail: educators@mail.und.edu

We look forward to working with you this summer!

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Teaching English Language Learners (TELL) Program ONLINE from UND

This summer, the University of North Dakota is planning to deliver an online program to help you learn the skills and techniques necessary to work with the growing population of English language learners (ELLs). If you've ever considered becoming an ELL teacher, UND's Teaching English Language Learners (TELL) program will prepare you for English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education Endorsement in North Dakota or Minnesota.

This one-year program equips all classroom, Title I, adult education and special education teachers to better serve ELL students. The program gives you a solid understanding of linguistics and second language acquisition, a variety of teaching methods and approaches, and how ELL students differ by culture and background. The TELL program also introduces you to the laws and history of the discipline.

"The [program] really gave me a leg up. I always knew I wanted to be a specialist where I could work with small groups of students. The ELL endorsement opened more doors for me," said Kerri Whipple, West Fargo Public Schools.

All coursework (with the exception of two on-campus condensed visits) is delivered in an online format, which allows you to study anytime, anywhere. You may complete the coursework in one of two ways: 1) graduate ELL coursework only (non-master's degree seeking status) or 2) apply the ELL credit toward a master's degree in Elementary Education, Reading Education or General Studies (secondary teachers). This coursework meets the ESPB standards for ESL or Bilingual Teacher Endorsement.

Get started today!

For more information, contact UND Distance Degree Programs at:

Toll-Free: 1-877-450-1842

E-mail: distancedegreeprograms@mail.und.edu

Web: www.conted.und.edu/ddp/ell

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Edutopia has an article on “Copy Wrongs” which can be found at:

<http://www.edutopia.org/copyright>

Hotchalk: NBC Video Archives Online

NBC News offers teachers access to video archives online

http://www.hotchalk.com/index_global.html

Teachers have free online access to a video vault featuring more than 60 years of historic news and information, thanks to a partnership between NBC News and HotChalk, an online learning management system for K-12 education. To provide primary-source multimedia content that far exceeds what is available in traditional textbooks, NBC News has made available more than 5,000 video resources that can be used to supplement instruction in a wide range of courses. History students can watch the civil-rights movement as it happened and view interviews with key players; science students can see recreated footage of the Ice Age or watch today’s arctic shelves disintegrate into the ocean; and government classes can have access to the latest news on immigration, the presidential race, or international relations.

Vocabulary Game

Great way to learn vocabulary!!

<http://www.freerice.com/>

Dog, Cat, and Rat

This is an amazing video of one of the homeless in Santa Barbara and his pets. They work State Street every week for donations. The animals are pretty well fed and are mellow. They are a family.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D85yrIgA4Nk&feature=related>

Google Earth Lessons

This is an educational resource for teachers. Go to their website to learn more about Google Earth and to access their online lessons.

<http://gelessons.com/lessons/>

Reminder: Please remember to bring educational decorations which we can hang on the tree for the “Showcase of Trees” at the Capitol during December. We will have the trees up at the NDALL Fall conference for people to decorate!

Memorial Day



"The dead soldier's silence sings our national anthem."

-Rev. Aaron Kilbourn

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