Spring 2014 Continuing Education Course Offerings

Please Note:
- This list is Continuing Education offerings NOT associated with our Masters degree programs.
- Each course must have a minimum of 10 enrollments for the course to be offered. Cancellation notifications will be sent within 2 weeks of the course offering date.
- All course registrations will close 2 weeks prior to the start of each course. Please register by then.
- Register Now At: www.mnu.edu/continuing-education

Video Podcasting for the Classroom
Instructor: Prof. Mike Ramirez
EDCI 8395  CRN: 54213  Credit: .5  Cost: $45.00
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2014 (8:00 am–4:30 pm)
Location: Metz 228

This course will prepare the teacher to use screen casting and movie-making tools for instructional purposes; e.g. tutorials and content instruction/review. Participants will also learn how video podcasting can enhance instruction, support evidence of learning outcomes, and provide a platform for professional development. A discussion of how these tools could be implemented in the flipped classroom will also be included. Participants will create a variety of screencasts for use in their classrooms.

TEACHER TAKE-AWAY: Workshop participants will create ELA Anchor Charts for their respective grade levels and receive a bag full of Common Core mini-lesson props!

No text required.

Creating Optimal Learning Environments for students with Adaptive Special Needs
Instructor: Dr. Neil Friesland
EDCI 8000  CRN: 54207  Credit: 2  Cost: $180.00
Dates: Friday, March 7, 2014 (5:00 pm- 9:00 pm)
       Saturday, March 8, 2014 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)
       Saturday, March 15, 2014 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)
Location: Mabee Library 207
This course prepares the teacher to develop the knowledge and skills needed to establish a planned orderly classroom where participation is encouraged, to facilitate the inclusion of students in the least restrictive environments, and to develop effective classroom accommodations for students in both general and special education settings.

**TEACHER TAKE-AWAY:** Teachers will gain valuable skills in ways to include all students in lessons, activities and relationships. Teachers will also determine the best practices and accommodations to meet the needs of Adaptive Special Education Students.

No text required

**Video Podcasting for the Classroom**
Instructor: Prof. Mike Ramirez  
EDCI 8395  
CRN: 54214  
Credit: .5  
Cost: $45.00  
Dates: Saturday, April 5, 2014 – [8:00 am – 4:30 pm]  
Location: Metz 228

This course will prepare the teacher to use screen casting and movie-making tools for instructional purposes; e.g. tutorials and content instruction/review. Participants will also learn how video podcasting can enhance instruction, support evidence of learning outcomes, and provide a platform for professional development. A discussion of how these tools could be implemented in the flipped classroom will also be included. Participants will create a variety of screencasts for use in their classrooms.

**TEACHER TAKE-AWAY:** Workshop participants will create ELA Anchor Charts for their respective grade levels and receive a bag full of Common Core Mini-lesson props!

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**Creating Optimal Learning Environments for students with Adaptive Special Needs**
Instructor: Dr. Neil Friesland  
EDCI 8000  
CRN: 54207  
Credit: 2  
Cost: $180.00  
Dates: Friday, April 18, 2014 (5:00 pm- 9:00 pm)  
Saturday, April 19, 2014 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)  
Saturday, April 26, 2014 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)  
Location: Mabee Library 207

This course prepares the teacher to develop the knowledge and skills needed to establish a planned orderly classroom where participation is encouraged, to facilitate the inclusion of
students in the least restrictive environments, and to develop effective classroom accommodations for students in both general and special education settings.

**TEACHER TAKE-AWAY:** Teachers will gain valuable skills in ways to include all students in lessons, activities and relationships. Teachers will also determine the best practices and accommodations to meet the needs of Adaptive Special Education Students.

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**The Thinking Classroom**  
Instructor: Prof. Marsha Ratzel  
EDCI 8396  
CRN: 54215  
Credit: 3  
Cost: $270.00  
Dates: March 3, 2014 – April 28, 2014 (Online)

21st Century classrooms must prepare next century thinkers. As new curricula like the Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards are emphasizing, synthetic, creative, and critical thinking skills are crucial to building a citizenry capable of dealing with complex issues and forging new pathways in industries throughout the world. While assessment for and of learning help to inform instructional planning and decision making, previous educational trends as well as local and national exams emphasize base standards and rote memorization to demonstrate mastery. This kind of content mastery approach has largely discouraged the utilization of complex thinking processes and broad reasoning skills in classrooms. The Thinking Classroom is designed to promote complex thinking and reasoning skills first with educators and then provide a structure for applying those skills in the classroom with next century learners. This course will not only emphasize pragmatic application of thinking processes in the planning process but will also provide the student with the philosophical and theoretical foundation of such practices.

**TEACHER TAKE-AWAY:**
- The candidate describes attitudes of a thinking classroom.
- The candidate examines thinking opportunities in their planning and teaching.
- The candidate formulates ways to enhance thinking in their classroom.
- The candidate synthesizes literature on the thinking classroom.
- The candidate creates opportunities for students to use synthetic, critical, and creative thinking.

**Required Textbook(s)/Readings**


**Additional Continuing Education Opportunities at MNU**

"*Just For You at MNU*

**Sponsored by the PERK grant, MNU is proud to offer:**

- Heartland Teacher’s Math Circle
- Technology Conference
- Literacy Conference
- Science Workshop

**Register at www.mnu.edu/just-for-you**

**Heartland Teacher’s Math Circle**

**EDCI 8448 HEARTLAND MATH TEACHERS’ CIRCLE**

**DATES:** June 16–20, 2014

**TIME:** 8:30–4:00 pm Monday–Thursday

8:30–12:00 pm Friday

**LOCATION:** Bell Cultural Event Center, Gilmore Room

A Math Teachers’ Circle is a place where middle school math teachers and mathematicians come together to explore problem solving approaches with interesting and fun math problems and to share classroom experiences and success. During the week-long workshop, teachers will participate in a process of learning that puts the enjoyment back in mathematics through the investigation of intriguing problems. The Heartland Math Teachers’ Circle at MNU provides guidance and support for promoting critical thinking and problem solving in the classroom.

**TEACHER TAKE AWAYS:**

- Expand mathematical awareness and enrich problem-solving skills.
- Create connections to the Common Core math standards.
- Establish network of secondary math teachers.
COST: The cost of the institute is $150.00 for early registration. Registration cost after May 23rd is $175.00. (lunch provided) For those interested in earning three hours of continuing education credit, the cost is an additional $270.00 ($90.00 per credit hour).

Questions? Contact Dr. Mark Brown, mabrown@mnu.edu

Heartland Math Teachers’ Circle is sponsored by MidAmerica Nazarene University and the PERK grant.

Technology Conference
EDCI 8447 TWO DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DATES: June 10 & 11, 2014
TIME: 9 am – 3 pm
LOCATION: Cook Center, Hager Hall

The workshop focuses on a balance between instruction, assessment, and the effective use of digital tools and resources. This special two-day workshop focuses on a unique combination of the best in educational practices and the most innovative technologies available today. It will also balance five key components, which are essential for educators to transform themselves. They are: solution, creativity, collaboration, media, and information fluencies. Learning to build an effective digital space with multiple components is essential for educators to post and present instructional material in multiple modes. During the workshop teachers will learn innovative ways to aggregate, enhance, deliver, and assess content through the newly formed and popular concept called “an App”. Participants will make the transition to more powerful web-based presentation packages while saving and converting many of their old presentations from past applications.

TEACHER TAKE AWAYS:
- Establish base technology systems to facilitate transition to 1 to 1 personalized learning environments
- Build a digital space with multiple components to post and present instructional material in multiple modes.
- Build interactive content modules to distribute and track lessons designed for the common core.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDED: Participants will need to bring personal laptop or device for use during the workshop.
The cost of the institute is $100.00 for early registration. Registration cost after May 23rd $125.00. For those interested in earning one hour of continuing education credit, the cost is an additional $90.00 for one credit hour.

Questions? Contact Dr. Kim Humerickhouse, kdhumerickhouse@mnu.edu
Steve Pillow, sspillow@mnu.edu

The Technology Conference is sponsored by MidAmerica Nazarene University and the PERK grant.

Literacy Conference
EDCI 8446 LITERATURE IN THE GARDEN
DATES: June 16 & 17, 2014
TIME: 9 am–3 pm
LOCATION: Smith 123, with travel to various nature centers in the afternoon

Don’t be the “last teacher in the woods!” Get “out and about” in NATURE! Come hear inspiring keynote presentations by David Sobel, author of Ecophobia: Reclaiming the Heart in Nature Education. Learn to connect CCSS, children’s literature, and gardening with the Randy Seagraves who brings us the Literature in the Garden text, children’s literature, and project breakout sessions. Other small group sessions planned by MidAmerica faculty include: Fairy Gardens & CCSS Writing, nature journaling, and arts integrated science mini-unit about plants, trees, and bugs. Leave inspired to integrate your CCSS English Language Arts lessons–plus teacher relaxation and renewed enthusiasm.

TEACHER TAKE AWAYS:
• Develop framework for integrating children’s literature and science/nature in teaching units with CCSS standards
• Learn to connect children’s literature, CCSS and gardening

The cost of the institute is $100.00 which includes a book. Registration cost after May 23rd $125.00. For those interested in earning one hour of continuing education credit, the cost is an additional $90.00 for one credit hour.

Questions? Contact Dr. Claudia McVicker, cjmcvicker@mnu.edu

The Literacy Conference is sponsored by MidAmerica Nazarene University and the PERK grant.
Improve Your Lessons
EDCI 8449 Improve Your Lesson: Take it Outdoors! Promoting Clear-eyed Wonder in the Outdoors
DATES: Thursday, June 12, 2014 and Friday, June 13, 2014
TIME: 8:00 am–4:00 pm (Friday June 13, we may start at 7am to avoid the heat)
Locations: Osborne Hall, Room 106 with travel to outdoor locations on campus and to the Prairie Center, 26325 W 135th St., Olathe, KS 66061

This workshop is appropriate for elementary and secondary teachers in all disciplines and will promote the utilization of outdoor learning environments in a variety of disciplines (science, math, art, social studies, language arts). Outdoor resources will be used on the MNU Olathe campus and at the Prairie Center in Olathe Kansas.

TEACHER TAKE AWAYS
• Learn about the benefits of using outdoor and nature resources in their own discipline,
• Engage in exemplar (best practices) Outdoor oriented, developmentally appropriate learning activities and
• Plan and submit a essay paper on outdoor education as well as an outdoor lesson with a focus on learning standards relevant to their own content. 2 hours of continuing education credit are available from MidAmerica Nazarene University.

COST: $180 registration fee for ALL registrants. If Continuing Education credit is desired, $90/credit + $180 registration fee = total cost of $360. Lunch is provided.

Questions? Contact Dr. Gary G. Andersen, ggandersen@mnu.edu

The Science Workshop is sponsored by MidAmerica Nazarene University and the PERK grant.

CoolTeachersOnline.com
Register at: www.coolteachersonline.com
Credit: 3 hours graduate credit
Cost: $349.00

EDCI 6207 Developing Policies to Complement your School’s Values CRN: 54219
EDCI 6208 Coping with Conflict During your Day to Day School Life CRN 54220
EDCI 6209 Becoming a More Assertive Staff Member in Interactions with Colleagues CRN: 54221
EDCI 6215 Effective Recruitment of Staff to Meet Your School’s Needs CRN 54222
EDCI 6216 Creating a Supportive Working Environment for Staff and Students CRN 54223
EDCI 6217 Effective Orientation of New Staff to the School CRN 54224
EDCI 6218 Emotions and Learning CRN 54225
EDCI 6219 Developing International Mindedness CRN 54226
EDCI 6225 Developing Skills for the Teaching Assistant CRN 54227
EDCI 6226 An Introduction to Coaching CRN 54228
EDCI 6227 Learning Styles CRN 54229
EDCI 6228 Supporting the Child with ADHD CRN 54230
EDCI 6229 Parents as Partners in Learning – The Early Years CRN 54231
EDCI 6235 Motivational Mentoring CRN 54232
EDCI 6236 Managing Behavior Positively CRN 54233
EDCI 6237 Time Management for Educators CRN 54234
EDCI 6238 Supporting the Very Able Child CRN 54235
EDCI 6239 Sustaining Leadership Effectiveness in Schools CRN 54236
EDCI 6245 School Self-Evaluation for School Leaders: Classroom Monitoring CRN 54237
EDCI 6246 School Self-Evaluation for Elementary Subject Leaders: Classroom Monitoring CRN 54238
EDCI 6247 School Self-Evaluation for Secondary Subject Leaders: Classroom Monitoring CRN 54239
EDCI 6248 Managing School Meetings CRN 54240
EDCI 6249 Learning-Centered Leadership CRN 54241
EDCI 6255 Multiple Intelligences CRN 54242
EDCI 8344 Managing your Facilities CRN 54243
EDCI 8345 Leading the High Performance School CRN 54244
EDCI 8350 Understanding English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Bilingualism CRN 54245
EDCI 8355 The Emotionally Intelligent School CRN 54246
EDCI 8356 Supporting EAL Students in the Classroom CRN 54247

Registration For Continuing Education Courses

How do I register for a continuing education course or workshop?
For events hosted by the Olathe School District, SWPRSC, ESSDACK, KC TechNet, USD 262 Tuanua Swartz, and Valley Center registration information is given at the workshop itself. If earning credit in conjunction with CoolTeachersOnline.com, registration is processed through that company and communicated back to MNU.

When registering with MNU, you will receive a confirmation email, which contains all your account information. The information is important as it allows you to check your grade. In addition, this information will not change from one course to another so please keep it in a safe place for later reference.

Issues with registration through MNU should be reported to Glenna Murray, gkmuray@mnu.edu
**How do I register for “Just For You At MNU” workshops and conferences?**
To register for these conference and workshop events, visit MNU’s continuing education site at https://www.mnu.edu/just-for-you

**Transcripts and Homework**

**What is the homework associated with continuing education credit?**
You will submit a reflection paper for each workshop/seminar. Unless otherwise stated by the session’s facilitator, a template in Microsoft Word is used to walk the student through the reflection process.

**How do I submit my reflection paper/homework?**
When you are ready to submit a reflection paper, you will send that document as an attachment to med@mnu.edu. When MNU receives this paper, you will receive an automated message indicating such. Please be sure MNU messages aren’t going to your SPAM folder or that MNU is not blocked by your email provider. Issues related to homework submission should be sent to Glenna Murray, gkmurray@mnu.edu.

**When do I get my grade for a course or workshop?**
After homework has been submitted to MNU via email, MNU has 2 weeks to grade your paper and post the grade. During the summer months, MNU has 3 weeks to process grades due to the high volume of classes. When your grade has been posted, you will receive notification via email. If you have trouble with your grade posting, please contact Glenna Murray, gkmurray@mnu.edu.

**When and how do I get my transcript?**
Transcripts are requested through the Registrar’s Office and the Transcript Request Form. No one can request your transcripts but you. Our offices are not able to submit your forms to the registrar on your behalf. The form must be completed by you, the student. Do not submit your request until after three weeks have passed from the date of the session. If you do, you will receive a transcript of any work PRIOR to the newest session you attended.

On average, the registrar needs 5 business days to process a transcript request. Please take this time into account when taking classes. If you need credit by a given date due to an expiring license, you’ll want to take a class early enough to ensure the paperwork can be processed in time.