

Accelerated Literacy Professional Development intensive workshop

(Information for non-NT Department of Employment, Education and Training staff)

Date: Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October 2008

Location: Casuarina Campus, Charles Darwin University

Accelerated Literacy is an approach to teaching reading and writing that teaches students the ways of thinking – the discourses, or cultural knowledge – enabling them to decode text, and therefore succeed educationally. Effective Accelerated Literacy teachers awaken a sense of the 'what', the 'how', the 'when', the 'where', and ultimately the 'why', of language choices in a text.

Due to increased demand, Charles Darwin University are now offering an intensive five-day workshop in the Accelerated Literacy method. The course will be both theoretical and practical, equipping participants to use the methodology in their day-to-day literacy teaching.

Intensive workshop focus

- **The theory and practice of Accelerated Literacy** – An introduction to the Accelerated Literacy (AL) program and key concepts that underpin the program, including the teaching sequence and its component strategies. Video demonstrations, practical workshops and text analysis will form a major part of this session.
- **How to teach AL – all you need to know to get started!**
 - Low order and high order literate orientation: This session will show participants how to use the text analysis process to plan and carry out AL lessons.
 - Transformations: This session will explore the role of transformations in comprehension, writing and spelling.
 - Spelling: This session will show how the spelling strategy uses words students can read to teach how English spelling works and how to decode effectively and automatically.
 - Writing: This session will take the reading texts taught in the teaching sequence to model writing techniques all authors use to create narrative texts.
- **Assessment** - Assessment of what students can do with and without support, is integral to effective AL teaching. This session will show how to carry out AL assessment tasks for reading and writing, using video demonstrations, practical examples and discussion groups to provide practice in analysing student results and their implications for teaching.

Who should attend?

New and existing teachers Australia-wide who are interested in learning about Accelerated Literacy.

Accommodation

Casuarina Campus has accommodation on-campus at North Flinders International House.

Phone 08 8946 6591 or email: accommodation@cdu.edu.au

Costs and registration

There are 2 options for enrolling in the course:

	<u>Option One</u>	<u>Option Two</u>
	Graduate Certificate in Accelerated Literacy (GCAL) (Introductory Unit LIC501)	Professional Development Intensive
Registration	Students must apply for admission to the GCAL through the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre. Full details of the admission and enrolment process can be found at www.cdu.edu.au/study/apply/pg	Complete the attached enrolment form
Registration dates	Semester 1: enrolments closed Semester 2: enrolments closed	Friday 12 September 2008 *Places are limited, please register early
Cost (including lunch, morning and afternoon tea)	\$509 per unit for students eligible for Commonwealth Supported places (plus application fee of \$35). Late applications are accepted but attract a late fee.	5 day intensive (no assessment) \$1200 5 day intensive (with assessment) \$1345
Assessment and credit transfer	Students complete the unit on successful completion of the assessment tasks	For this course, students can either choose assessment or no assessment option. Assessment- Students wishing to be assessed will be enrolled in the introductory unit of the GCAL. It is not necessary to apply for admission for the full course but students wishing to pursue postgraduate study are encouraged to do so. No assessment – Students will be issued with a Statement of Attendance.

Further information

For information on the course, please contact:

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Michelle Cowie, email michelle.cowie@cdu.edu.au, phone 08 8946 7169.

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Accelerated Literacy, please contact:

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Limited places are available

