

Accelerated Literacy Professional Development intensive workshop

Information for NT Department of Employment, Education and Training staff
and other NT Accelerated Literacy school 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

Costs and registration

There are 2 options for DEET and other NT Accelerated Literacy school staff 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 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.html	Complete the enrolment form at http://nalp.edu.au/professionaldevelopment.html and fax to the DEET NALP office on 08 8999 3229
Registration dates	Semester 1: enrolment closed Semester 2: admissions closed	Enrolment closes Monday 1 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.	No cost for DEET or NT Accelerated Literacy school staff DEET are responsible for travel, accommodation and associated costs
Assessment and credit transfer	Students complete the unit on successful completion of the assessment tasks set	No assessment – students will be issued with a Statement of Attendance Students wishing to complete the GCAL at a later date will need to enrol and complete the assessment at the end of the unit to gain credit transfer for the introductory unit in the GCAL (LIC501)

NOTE: This course is also open to other NT teachers and teachers outside of the Northern Territory as a fee-paying short course. For more information, refer to the CDU website: www.cdu.edu.au/businessandgovernment/short_courses.html

Further information

For information on attendance, application and travel requirements, please contact: Stace Scully at anastasia.scully@nt.gov.au or phone 8999 3268

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: Evelyn Jackson, email evelyn.jackson@cdu.edu.au, or phone 08 8946 6845

Limited places are available

