

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education/Special Education Planning and Policy Development Office is pleased to announce the Winter/Spring 2010 online professional development courses through Massachusetts FOCUS Academy. Courses will be delivered through the Commonwealth's Massachusetts Online Network for Education (MassONE) and will be available to your middle and high school educators. The following graduate level courses will be offered in the areas of:

- [Collaborative/Co-Teaching Model](#)
- [Creating Positive Learning Environments: Part I](#)
- [Differentiated Instruction](#)
- [Generalist Transition Planning I](#)
- [How to Partner with Families of Middle and High School Students with Disabilities to Achieve Success](#)
- [Parent and Professional Partnerships: Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities in Middle and High School](#)
- [Transition Topics Seminar](#)
- [Universal Design for Learning I: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners](#)

Participants who successfully complete a course will receive 67.5 PDPs at no cost or may purchase graduate-level credits at a discounted rate through the participating institutions of higher education.

We have extended the opportunity to participate to educators from districts with the special education eligibility determination of Level 2: At-Risk. We strongly encourage you to promote this opportunity by identifying and encouraging appropriate middle and high school staff to participate. The application deadline is January 27, 2010. We are also requesting that you inform your MassONE administrators of the possible requests for MassONE IDs.

Information on targeted districts, applicant eligibility, and application process can be found at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/mfa/>.