

Welcome!!

**EDUC 600: Reading and Writing Strategies for English Language Learners
Spring 08**

December 2007

Welcome! George Mason University and the VA Dept of Education thank you for your interest in the EDUC 600: Reading and Writing Strategies for English Language Learners course to be held this spring in Richmond and Galax. This message provides an overview of the registration process. Each site has room for 25 teachers, and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Dates, Time: The class will be conducted on the following six Saturdays: February 9 and 16; March 1, 15 and 29; and April 12, 2008. Each class will run from 9am-4pm, unless changed at the first meeting. You must attend every session – please do not register if you know you cannot achieve 100% attendance.

Location:

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| 1) <i>Richmond</i> : | TBD |
| 2) <i>Galax</i> | Wytheville Community College
Crossroads Institute
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville VA 24382
Phone: (276) 223-4700
Fax: (276) 223-4778 |

Tuition, Books: Tuition and books are supported in full by a grant from the VA Dept of Education. Participants must pay for their own overnight and per diem expenses.

Syllabus: The current syllabus will be uploaded when complete. A syllabus from a prior semester is included on this website for your information.

Instructors:

Richmond: Val Gooss - vpgooss@henrico.k12.va.us
Galax: Linda Dalton - LMDALTON@ccpsd.k12.va.us

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CRITICAL TO YOUR ENROLLMENT IN THE CLASS:

Registration: In order for you to be registered for the course you need to first be enrolled at George Mason University as a non-degree student. The following forms are included on this website. **Please complete them** and **email** them back to **Afsaneh Ziaee** at aziaee@gmu.edu or **fax them** to Afsaneh at 703-993-2044. If you have any difficulty, please contact Afsaneh by

email or phone (703-993-2794). If you cannot download and print them, please let Afsaneh or me know and we'll send them by regular mail.

Here is a **description of the forms**:

Application for Non-Degree Student Status – This form will ask for your home and school information, as well as other required data to enroll you in GMU. Once completed and enrolled, you'll receive a Student ID Number, which you can then use to access your grades and request a transcript.

Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates – Even though you are probably all VA residents, you must still apply for in-state tuition rates (to be paid by the VA DOE). Most of you will only need to complete Section A of the attached form.

You should receive confirmation from our office after your registration forms have been received. If you do not hear anything after a week, please contact Afsaneh.

Please continue to check this website for announcements regarding the class.

If you need **information about course content and requirements** you can write to the **instructors**. Questions regarding **enrollment** should be directed to **Afsaneh**. Other questions can be sent to me, Jack Levy at jlevy@gmu.edu or 571-243-3523.

Other Information:

Course credit: Participants will be registered in section EDUC 600.601 or 600.602 at George Mason University. This is a graduate-level, three-semester-credit course that awards letter grades (A,B,C). In order to receive a **passing grade (A or B) participants must attend all classes and complete all course requirements** – the course **cannot be audited** for credit only. Participants will have electronic access to their transcripts after the conclusion of the class.

Applicability of course for VA licensure in ESL, re-certification and/or masters degree: The course **may be acceptable** for VA licensure and/or masters credit. For a determination on VA licensure or re-certification, please contact the VA Dept of Education's Division on Teacher Education and Licensure (<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/newvdoe/teached.html>). To determine whether the course will count for **masters credit** please **contact the university in which you are enrolled**.

If you have any questions regarding the class please don't hesitate to contact the instructors about content and requirements, Afsaneh regarding enrollment, or me (jlevy@gmu.edu, 571-243-3523).

Once again, thank you for your interest in providing a quality education for Virginia's English language learners.

Jack Levy