

Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers

Professional Development Program

Fall 2017

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- ☒ Classes are **FREE**.
- ☒ Membership in CCAFT is not required to attend PD courses.
- ☒ **All courses count toward recertification.**
CCAFT's State Provider Number is 500486.
- ☒ Good for your portfolio.
- ☒ CCISD employees must register on Eduphoria.
- ☒ Employees in other districts need to register by calling CCAFT at 855-0482.
- ☒ For any questions or additional information, please contact Zulema Nava at the CCAFT office:
(361) 855-0482 or via email at zunava57@gmail.com
- ☒ Courses may be attended by teachers and /or paraprofessionals.
- ☒ Light snacks will be provided.

Dr. Nancy S. Vera
CCAFT President

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CCAFT PD Coordinator

11/07/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM – 7:00PM.....Managing Behavior in School Communities, Part II

Instructor: Kathryn O'Neill and Zulema Nava
Location: CCAFT Offices

Course Description: The antisocial actions of a small but powerful number of students in school not only put their own academic success at risk but threaten the learning environment for everyone. This course presents research on emotional and behavioral problems of students who consistently act out. Participants will learn strategies to reduce and/or prevent the occurrence of disruptive or dangerous outbreaks.

11/13/2017, Monday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....Student Debt

Instructor: Justin Guajardo
Location: CCAFT Offices

Course Description: This class offers an overview of federal programs available to assist teachers and school-related personnel manage their student loan debt effectively. Specifically highlights Income-Drive Repayment Programs and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

Space limited to 20 participants.

11/14/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM – 8:00PM.....The Game Factor

Instructor: Sandra Fabela
Location: CCAFT Offices

Course Description: Many researchers stress that play is essential to a child's development. Children learn more when they are engaged in the learning process. Educational games can be used to engage students through the methods of "gamification" and "game-based learning." This session will focus on the importance of incorporating these processes into lesson design.

11/15/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM – 7:00PM.....Differentiating Instruction

Instructor: Nidia De La Cerda
Location: CCAFT Offices

Course Description: Despite the fact that students learn at different rates, have different interests and levels of motivation, many instructors overlook these differences and treat students as if they were all alike. This session will examine three differentiation models: Tomlinson's tiered lessons, Conklin's choice boards and Sternberg's triarchic model.

11/29/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM – 8:00PM.....Flip the Classroom, Reach Every Student in Every Class Every Day

Instructors: Victoria Reyes and Bethany Tipton
Location: Ray High School, Room 265

Course Description: A challenging curriculum means nothing without engaging instruction and learning environments that allow students to interact, inquire and create using learned content. This session introduces the components of the flipped classroom and the flipped mastery model and guides participants to design at least two tasks appropriate for the Flip Classroom mode.

12/04/2017, Monday, 5:00PM–8:00PM.....Teacher Tech Tools, K-12

Instructors: Cindy Hopkins and Mary Jane Lee Rhodes
Location: CCAFT Offices

Course Description: Learn how to effectively use technology to increase productivity, build positive relationships with families, and increase student engagement. Includes use of Remind, Kahoot, Quizizz, Google docs, forms, slides and more.

Participants must bring their own devices.

Space limited to 12 participants.

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09/20/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM—7:00PM.....Managing Behaviors in School Communities, Part I
Instructors: Kathryn O'Neill and Zulema Nava
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: The antisocial actions of a small but powerful number of students in school not only put their own academic success at risk but threaten the learning environment for everyone. This course presents research on emotional and behavioral problems of students who consistently act out. Participants will learn strategies to reduce and/or prevent the occurrence of disruptive or dangerous outbreaks. This class is designed for paraprofessionals, teachers, and school-related personnel.

09/25/2017, Monday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....Student Debt
Instructor: Justin Guajardo
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: This class offers an overview of federal programs available to assist teachers and school-related personnel manage their student loan debt effectively. Specifically highlights Income-Drive Repayment Programs and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.
Space limited to 20 participants.

09/26/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM- 8:00PM.....Colorin Colorado
Instructor: Dr. Rebecca Palacios
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Colorin Colorado is a wonderful website for the support of English Language Learners. Parents, teachers, administrators and librarians can use the website to find tips, strategies, resources, videos, research and so much more! Learn how to find resources to support your students.
Bring your own device. Space limited to 15 participants.

09/27/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....T-TESS
Instructors: Victoria Reyes and Bethany Tipton
Location: Ray High School, Room 265
Course Description: T-TESS is the Texas Evaluation and Support System. It is a new teacher appraisal system designed to support teachers in their Professional development and help them grow and improve as educators. This T-TESS workshop will include three components: goal-setting and professional development plan, evaluation cycle (including: pre-conference, observation, post-evaluation), and student growth measure.

10/02/2017,Monday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....Students as Tech Producers, K-12
Instructors: Cindy Hopkins and Mary Jane Lee-Rhodes
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Learn how your students can use technology to become producers. Help them become active learners and digital leaders instead of passive consumers of technology. Includes use of paper slide videos, Flip grid, Vokis, and more.
Participants must bring their own device. Space limited to 12 participants

10/03/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM-8:00PM.....Accessible Literacy Framework
Instructor: Maria Carmen de Anda and Sabrina Wadhams
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: ALF is grounded in the premise that reading is at the center of most activities. The essential component of reading instruction, phonological awareness, sound blending, letter-correspondence, and decoding are covered to address literacy needs of students with developmental or intellectual disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy or Down Syndrome.

10/04/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....Safe Schools
Instructor Elaine Jones
Location: CCAFT Offices
Description: Over 20 years ago Texas AFT launched its campaign for a Safe Schools Act to put a stop to violent and disruptive behavior in the classroom. The Texas Legislature enacted the law in 1995 by creating The Safe School Act, which is contained in Chapter 37 of the Education Code. This course outlines the process that teachers need to follow to ensure successful learning environments for all children.

10/16/2017, Monday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....The Game Factor
Instructor: Sandra Fabela
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Many researchers stress that play is essential to a child’s development. Children learn more when they are engaged in the learning process. Educational games can be used to engage students through methods of “gamification” and “game-based learning.” This session will focus on the importance of incorporating these processes into lesson designs.

10/17/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....Beyond Classroom Management
Instructor: Yalanda Salone
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: This session explores how growth mindsets, grit, peace building, compliance, autonomy, educator behaviors and classroom layout all affect the learning environment.

10/18/2017, Wednesday, 5:00 PM—8:00PMInstructional Supports:English Language Learners, K-12
Instructor: Nina Lopez
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Review the linguistic, cultural and academic challenges faced by ELLS. Understand the instructional implications within the regular education classroom to support and increase ELLS access to academics, language, and content.

10/19/2017, Thursday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....Outdoor Learning
Instructors: Victoria Reyes and Bethany Tipton
Location: Ray High School, Room 265
Course Description: Dig in and explore ways natural spaces in and around school can be used as an outdoor classroom. This session will cover some of the basic principles behind experimental learning and show how to engage students in curriculum experiences by using the natural environment. All participants will receive an outdoor classroom package of tips and ideas for implementation.

10/23/2017, Monday, 5:00PM—8:00PM.....3-D Graphic Organizers (Zike Foldables), K-12
Instructors: Cindy Hopkins and Mary Jane Lee-Rhodes
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Learn how to use 3D graphic organizers to make student thinking visible and help students organize their learning. These organizers can be used with interactive notebooks, at all grade levels, and in any content area.
Space limited to 16 participants.

10/24/2017, Tuesday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....Tech in Class
Instructors: Bethany Tipton and Victoria Reyes
Location: Ray High School, Room 267
Course Description: This module will help participants integrate technology into their curriculum and use technology for classroom management and data collection using a variety of apps and available technologies such as: cell phones, Plickers, Google Classroom, Google Drive, and ZipGrade.

10/25/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM– 7:00PM.....Culturally Responsive Teaching
Instructor: Nina Lopez
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Research suggests that students from diverse cultures may need to be engaged differently in ways that support their self-efficacy, esteem and their learning. In this session, you will establish the connection between culture and learning, and explore research-based strategies, such as cultural competency, high expectations and critical consciousness.

11/01/2017, Wednesday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....Safe Schools
Instructor: Elaine Jones
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: Over 20 years ago Texas AFT launched its campaign for a Safe Schools Act to put a stop to violent and disruptive behavior in the classroom. The Texas Legislature enacted the law in 1995 by creating The Safe School Act, which is contained in Chapter 37 of the Education Code. This course outlines the process that teachers need to follow to ensure successful learning environments for all children.

11/06/2017, Monday, 5:00PM– 8:00PM.....Reading Comprehension Instruction, K-12
Instructor: Eva Saenz
Location: CCAFT Offices
Course Description: RCI focuses on the research and exemplary practices that help students acquire strong reading comprehension skills. This course provides participants with a synthesis of the research base on reading comprehension instruction and vocabulary development. Strategies are presented for increasing student comprehension of both narrative and expository text.