



Dear Fellow Educators:

The Florida Department of Education and FACTE announce another online professional development opportunity for new CTE instructors, **Connected Classrooms**. Tuition will be funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Education.

Last year, three cohorts completed "Connected Educators" and we are ready to begin a second round of the **Connected Classrooms** course. You're receiving this invitation because you expressed an interest in this training earlier this year. It's a perfect time to sharpen your technical skills and earn points towards recertification.

The training will give instructors the skills and knowledge to create an online presence for their classes. During the course, every participant will have access to their own online classroom, complete with course calendar, gradebook, syllabus, email, discussion area, lessons, resources, and more! Each week will bring new skills and new components added to their online classroom.

**Connected Classrooms** is a 6 week program. No prerequisites or technology expertise is required! Participants will need a computer with Internet access. High-speed connectivity is recommended, but not required. Three live sessions will be held, as well as three optional live help sessions with the instructors. Speakers (internal or external) are required and a microphone will be needed for the second and third live session.

At the end of the course, participants will earn 60 in-service points that can be used toward recertification and will receive a certificate of completion. Exemplary work products completed by participants will be showcased at the FACTE summer conference and may be displayed on FACTE resource sites to share with your colleagues around the state!

The first session for the 2009-2010 school year begins on October 12, 2009; registration must be completed on or before October 10, 2009. The second session for the 2009-2010 school year will begin on January 11, 2010; registration must be completed on or before January 9, 2010. If spaces fill up for a session, registrations will automatically roll-over to the next session.

Before enrolling, be sure to check with your school/district to make certain that FACTE in-service points will be accepted. Administrator approval is required for participation. For more information, please contact Marsan Carr, FACTE executive director, email [factexec@facte.org](mailto:factexec@facte.org)