Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills

Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement — Branch Memo

**TO:** ACFE Board

 ACFE Regional Councils

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**FROM:** Jeanette Nagorcka, Executive Director, Adult Community and Further Education

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**SUBJECT: Upcoming professional development opportunities**

Actions

* Pre-accredited educators note upcoming professional development opportunities

The Department has commenced planning of professional development opportunities on behalf of the ACFE Board to commence from July 2021. These include:

**‘Engaging with Digital texts’** on 22 July 2021, a half-day session between 10.00am- 1.00pm via Zoom online run by the ACFE Board’s Curriculum Maintenance Manager of the Certificates in General Education for Adults (CGEA). Registrations are open now until close of business Friday July 16th. Contact Mandy.Penton@vu.edu.au.

The session includes an introduction to interactive digital texts; a presentation on helping students to become more digitally literate on WhatsApp; an interactive session on strategies for students to navigate non-linear texts and a question and answer panel discussion about developing digital literacy skills.

* **‘Instructional design for literacy, numeracy and employment (LNE) skills development programs’** to be run by VLEG from early August to early November 2021.

The program includes sessions for beginner level teachers/tutors with little experience developing LNE curriculum for pre-accredited programs and intermediate level teachers who have some instructional design experience in LNE curriculum for pre-accredited programs. Look out for a future memo that will provide details on this program at registration stage.

* **‘Professional Learning Network (PLN) for completers of the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Practitioner Program (ALNPP)’** from July 2021 to June 2022 facilitated by Adult Learning Australia (ALA) with Adult and Community Education Victoria (ACEVic)

ALA and ACEVic will be in contact shortly with all completers of the ALNPP to survey and hold group discussion to achieve consensus on future key professional learning areas in literacy and numeracy teaching. At the end of the twelve-month period ALA and ACEVic will hold an ALNPP professional learning event.

* **Round 4 of the ALNPP, starting about September** Look out for a future memo that will provide details on this program at registration stage.