Online Six-Week Courses via Professional Learning Academy

Mississippi University for Women’s (The W) Professional Learning Academy has partnered with The W’s Department of Health and Kinesiology and Mississippi First to offer a Sexual Health Educator Certificate through a series of Continuing Education Courses.

Each six-week course is completely online and self-paced through Outreach & Innovation’s Professional Learning Academy. A total of 2 CEUs, 1 OSL, or 15 SEMIs (All MDE Approved), 20 CECHs (all courses) and 20 MCECHs (select courses) can be earned (All NCHEC Approved). Mississippi maintains one of the highest teen pregnancy rates and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates in the nation.

By law, each Mississippi school district must have a sexual health education policy. HB 999 requires school districts to select teachers to assist with the implementation of this law. By taking three designated sexual health educator courses, at $59 each, participants can apply for a Sexual Health Educator Certificate for an additional charge of $50.

Introduction to Sexual Health Education in Mississippi
- Develop an understanding of the goal and objectives of sexual health education within secondary schools.
- Different types of sexual health education in Mississippi.
- Current terminology associated with sexual health education.

Multi-Cultural Aspects of Sexual Health Education
- How to address cultural aspects of sexual health education.
- Learn varying issues of concern that are most common when teaching sexual health education to diverse groups of students.

Teaching Safe Sex Practices in the Classroom
- Different forms of contraceptives used for both STI prevention and pregnancy prevention.
- Skills needed to educate students on using contraceptives to reduce unplanned pregnancy and STI transmission.
- Participants will learn how to teach safe sex practices within the requirements of the laws of Mississippi.

Common Issues Associated with Teaching Sexual Health Education (Beginning July 2017)
- Different types of sexual behaviors common among adolescents.
- Skills for addressing sensitive topics within sexual health education.
- Different sexual health education needs of students based on racial backgrounds, physical disability, and cognitive deficits.

Teaching Methods of Sexual Health Education (Beginning July 2017)
- National Teacher Preparation Standards for Sexuality Education.
- Implementation of the National Teacher Preparation Standards for Sexuality Education within their classrooms.
- Delivery techniques to improve the facilitation of sexual health education within the classroom.

Registration is now open. If you have any questions, please email pl@muw.edu or call 662-241-6101. Courses are $59/each and non-refundable. www.muw.edu/outreach