

Having a QAR Visit in 2010-11? Here Is a Webinar for You!

Responding to requests from schools in the satisfaction survey, AdvancED has created new assessment tools for schools to use prior to their Quality Assurance Review (QAR) visits in 2010-11. Join us for a free webinar to find out about the new Self Assessment and the Executive Institutional Summary that schools will use to prepare for their QAR visits and to help them internally assess their progress. Dates: April 28 and May 11 at 3:30 – 4:30 eastern time. To register, contact us at 800-468-7405 or click on the appropriate date below.

Webinar dates

Wed, Apr 28, 2010 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT

Tue, May 11, 2010 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EDT



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Register Now and Save Some \$\$

Early Bird registration for the NCA Fall Conference is now open! You can save \$25 on a conference that past participants have called “the best practitioner’s conference in the state.” Join us October 4-5 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis to hear this year’s keynoters, Kim Bearden (award winning teacher and co-founder of the Ron Clark Academy) and Tom Guskey (*Planning Professional Development, Developing Standards-Based Report Cards, Evaluating Staff Development, and Developing Grading and Reporting Systems for Student Learning*), as well as 54 breakout sessions from your colleagues describing successful practices in improving student learning. The full program will be available no later than May 15th at <http://coe.indstate.edu/nca/>

Attention Chairs & Co-chairs of School Improvement Committees

You may earn 1 hour of graduate credit from Indiana State University for your efforts.

Those interested in earning credit should register first with the Office of Graduate Studies (800-444-4723 or GradStudy@mail.indstate.edu). The course is called Topics in Education and the relevant numbers are 41384-ELAF595-201 (Summer Term II July 12-Aug. 12).

The requirement is to write a 5-6 page reflective paper about your work as a school improvement chair or co-chair. The paper should be submitted to me at leslie.ballard@indstate.edu If you want more information contact me at 800-468-7405.

Registration ends April 23rd. (A late fee will apply for those registering after that.)

Want a great hands-on learning experience?

Serving on a Quality Assurance Review team is a great experience that enables you to learn about the process from a different perspective. Team members report that they learn a great deal about the improvement process and know better what to expect when they host a visit. In addition, they say that they always come away from the school with lots of ideas to take back to their own building. CRUs are available. If you are interested in going on a visit, contact Joyce Lilly at Joyce.Lilly@indstate.edu or 800.468.7405.

Simple and Important: Updating your Demographics

Updating your demographics at the AdvancED site ensures that you receive necessary communications about your report status and updates. To update your demographics, log-in to www.Advanc-ED.org with your email address and password as usual. Once logged in, you will see Welcome, your name and your school under the silver bar across the top of the page. Click on Accreditation, and at the bottom of the drop down menu, you will find Demographics Update. Just follow the instructions as you go page by page. Updating this information should only take 5 - 10 minutes. Please ensure that your account has a head of institution name and email, as well as a primary contact name and email. These need to be 2 different people. If both areas contain the administrator, and that administrator leaves the school, that school would no longer get the reminders.

If you have any problems getting to your demographics, please contact the State Office at 1.800.468.7405.