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FOR-PD Chat Transcript

Date: April 21, 2009

Time: 7:00-8:00PM EST

Topic: End-of-course Wrap-up Chat for the FOR-PD Course

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Greetings and welcome to our end of course participant chat...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Even though we're a small group...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'll note the chat protocol for reference in the transcript...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> In order to make the chat flow smoothly, please use the following chat symbols...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> ! The exclamation point is like raising your hand; you want to be recognized to make a statement...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> # Use the pound sign to let everyone know you are done asking a question or making a statement...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> ? The ellipse lets everyone know you have more to say...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> My name is Lourdes Smith and I'm the FOR-PD Reading Specialist..

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Also with us tonight is Cyle as the FOR-PD Project...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> he'll be taking any tech questions if we have any...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Tonight I'll briefly go over a few pieces of information regarding coming to the end of the course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> and then we'll take any questions...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> The spring 2009 course is coming to an end this coming Monday, April 27....

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> As we approach the end of the course, please remember to check your grades...



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> if you do not have an 80% for each quiz, discussion, and lit log, you'll need to contact your facilitator and see what you should do to get those needed points...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> It's a good idea to print out your grades while you have access to the course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that way if your district wants a copy, you'll have it...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> In a few weeks you'll get a course evaluation in an email...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> please access the evaluation via a link in that email and complete it...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Also, remember to keep your facilitator's contact info like e-mail or if they gave you a phone number....

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we often get calls and emails from former participants asking for that info...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Upon completion of the course, in about 3-4 weeks, you'll get an e-mail from our office...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you will be able to access the MyFOR-PD portal in order to print out a certificate of completion...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Once the course is over you will no longer have access to the course or course info...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you will still have access to the many resources and links via our website and our online resource database...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Does anyone have any questions for us regarding the course, the end of the course, or anything we can assist you with?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> If you have a question, you can type directly into the white message box and press enter#

Michelle >> Not really a question. But just to say how much I really benefitted from this course#

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm so glad to hear that, Michelle. Thank you so much...



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Carol >> What do we do if we don't get an 80% on the post test?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that's a good question, Carol...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> the post-course survey does not count toward completion of the course

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you only have to be concerned about getting an 80% on the quiz, discussion, and literacy log entries

Betty >> !! Hello MS. Smith and all of my FOR-PD classmates , it's good to be here . This has been a very educational class. I do hope that you all will tell others about this class. I have received so much info. and I want to thank Ms. Shoemaker and Ms. Smith and all others who helped and also Mr. Cyle.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> those do need to have an 80% for each..

Carol >> Thank you

FOR-PD Project (spring222)>> no problem

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thanks Betsy

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm glad to hear that you've learned so much...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Hi Rose, welcome to our little chat

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm Lourdes Smith, the FOR-PD Reading Specialist

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> We're just having this chat to close-up the course and offer any support for those with questions or concerns...

Betty >> !! Will we have an on-line graduation service?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> That would be fun, Betty, but no, I'm afraid not...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> :-)

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Are there any other questions about the end of the course or does anyone have any feedback?



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> As I mentioned earlier, you may want to print out your grade sheet as you approach the end of the course...

Betty >> !! Okay, it's okay and once again, thank you . I do hope that the Dept. of Education will make this to be a required course for all of the teachers and administrators. What do you all think?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> it's good to have as a personal record...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> We have had many administrators take our course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> it gives them good background on what a teacher needs to be focusing on...

Michelle >> 1

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Michelle

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Michelle, did you have a question

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> or comment?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Rose, to send a message type into the white box and hit enter...

Michelle >> !! agree. If it isn't a requirement it should be...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Rose, did you have a question about certificates?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> It takes about a month for certificates to be ready as we have to close down the courses

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> about 3-4 weeks after the course ends you'll get an e-mail from our office letting you know your certificate is ready...

Michelle >> The content has rich info of become effective literacy leaders#

Carol >> Do you send a notice of completion to our district?



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you'll log back into the MyFOR-PD portal, not the course but the portal, and then print out your certificate...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Oh, yes, thank you Carol....

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> along the same time certificates become ready...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> our office mails to each district the participants that completed the course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that way you'll have your in-service points processed...

Carol >> Good.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thank you, Michelle, for your compliment regarding the course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that way you'll have your in-service points processed...

Carol >> Good.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thank you, Michelle, for your compliment regarding the course...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we strive to cover the areas of the competency and then provide some good info on motivation, engagement, and helping all teachers become a literacy leader...

Michelle >> !I am correct that we'll receive 60 course points?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> some teachers start off small, being a leader in their classroom or team

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but then they grow into a school or even district wide literacy leader...

wajida >> Hi everyone

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> is anyone here also planning to take other competencies towards the endorsement or CAR-PD?

Carol >> I am.



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Hi Wajida

Betty >> !!Ms> Smith , do you know the est. percentage of FOR-PD classmates that start and finish this program and approx. how long has this program been active?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> We're just chatting about the end of the course and opening the floor for any questions on the course or the end of the course...

wajida >> I have a question

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Do you mean just FOR-PD or the entire endorsement, Betty?

Michelle >> !My next move is to be ESOL endorsed. Is this another competency towards the endorsement?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Betty, I'm not exactly sure of the numbers...if you email me, losmith@mail.ucf.edu, I probably could find out.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> It changes per semester slightly

wajida >> What is the next forpd course recommended and how to enroll?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Michelle, I know that there is a RESOL that is sort-of reading and ESOL

Betty >> !! I was talking about the history of this program, so that I could tell others about the history and the success of this program, the beginning and up to now info.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we are part of that...if you go to the doe site you'll see info on RESOL

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Betty, email me and I'll get you some good info to share--we'd really appreciate it...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Wajida, our course only covers competency 2 of the endorsement.

Betty >> !! Thank you, Ms. Smith.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> For the other endorsements you'll probably want to talk with your district as some use other projects and some do them at a district level...



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Michelle >> !thanks.

wajida >> thanks.

Carol >> Your district professional development site should have info on other courses. That's how I found out about the next course for which I am enrolled.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I know that NEFEC does some online and they are good

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> and FLARE also does some...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but, it's best to check with your district PD office as they know the best avenue for their teachers and they may have a preference...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Carol, which one are you doing next?

wajida >> thanks

Carol >> I'm doing Competency 1.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that's a good one also....

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I think you may get some overlap as FOR-PD covered some similar items

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but, you'll get some new stuff too

Carol >> The NEFEC site has ADAPT, FOLAC, and FOR-PD courses.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Well, they may have a competency 2, but it's not FOR-PD...

Carol >> I couldn't enroll in competency 1 in the fall or spring, so I'm going backwards.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but their courses are also online and have good info...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> and that's ok, Carol...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> from my understanding you can take 1-3 out of order. I think they prefer 4-6 in order



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Carol >> As far as I could find out in my district, FOR_

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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but, sometimes you can only do what you can do...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Hi Falisha

Falisha >> hi

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> We're just chatting about the course and the end of the course

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> did you have any questions?

Carol >> As far as I could find out in my district, FOR-PD is the only one that offered Comp. 2.

wajida >> Carol could you tell me where should I go from the homepage of NEFEC in order to find out forpd?

Carol >> Surf the site and look at your district's prof dev offerings for in-service credit.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Hello Marlene

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we're just chatting about the end of the course

Marlene >> hi all

Marlene >> k

Falisha >> hi

wajida >> hi Marlene

Falisha >> I am a little worried about the post course survey. Anyone else?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Marlene, you're in the graduate section of FOR-PD, so some of the info here may to apply to you as this is a chat we're having for those taking it for PD points and the endorsement...



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Marlene >> I looked at it but it was pretty long so I put it off for another time when I have more time to do it well

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> No need to worry about the post-course survey, Falisha...

Michelle >> !You may have mentioned earlier, but will we be able to access course content after the course?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> it's not graded and only used to help the project see how much was learned by each participant...

Marlene >> ok.....

wajida >> Yeah falisha I scored less than the pre-course survey.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> as you probably noticed the survey was like the pre-course survey...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that happens sometimes...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Michelle, once the course is completed you will not have access to the lessons any longer...

Marlene >> I printed off all the lessons and made a book for future use and made a book for future use

Falisha >> omg - ty. I printed out every lesson and planned to spend the next few days going through it to answer every ? correctly since I saw you could only take it 1x

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but you will have access to the course resources via the website and course database on resources...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that's a good idea, Marlene...

Falisha >> same here Marlene

Marlene >> I was not sure if I could access it later. There were a lot of good websites and other readings that I want to keep handy.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm glad you came tonight then, Falisha. Just try your best on the post-course survey...



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Falisha >> lol ty (big sigh of relief)

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> If anyone came in late, my name is Lourdes Smith and I'm the FOR-PD reading specialist

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we're here tonight to just chat about the end of the course, ask any questions,

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Cyle is also here as FOR-PD Project and he can answer any tech questions you may have...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> does anyone have any questions or thoughts

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> please feel free to share...

Falisha >> Lourdes, is there a way to access some of the links without being in the course? There were a lot of great resources but I can't possible save/print them all. Is there a resource library made public?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> yes, all the links within the course are also housed in our resource database...

Falisha >> is it public?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> our resource database is open to everyone and is located on our main website...

wajida >> Lourdes I was sick all last week and I took my post-course survey, I couldn't do well..

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> <http://forpd.ucf.edu/resources/Default.aspx>

Falisha >> ok ty

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you can look stuff up by subject, lesson, or grade level

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> so if you wanted a list of resources regarding motivation, you'd choose lesson 6...

Marlene >> that's great. I didn't know that

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Betty >> !hello Cyle, I am sorry that I spelled you name wrong. I do appreciate you, too for all of the help

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you may have used the resource database for lesson 9 in the literacy log, but it was optional

Carol >> I printed everything and there's too much for a binder-I have 14 expanding files in a storage box.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Wajida, don't worry about your post-course survey...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> it is just one way that FOR-PD looks at the effectiveness of the professional development...

wajida >> Thank you Lourdes I was sad.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> yes, it's a big course. lots of good info...

Carol >> I'll sign off now to complete reading Lesson 14.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I know that many people save the lesson to their computer instead of printing...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thanks for stopping in Carol

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> have a great summer

Michelle >> That's what I did. I saved to favorites.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm sure that you did fine, Wajida. It's a long survey and, although sick, I'm sure you tried your best.

Marlene >> I can't believe how fast this semester went by

wajida >> I made a folder with Forpd resources and all my postings...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> that's a good idea, Wajida. Some people like to have proof of their discussions so they save them.



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Since everyone loses access and the courses are closed and archived, it's a good idea.

wajida >> ty

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Yes, Marlene, this was a very quick semester

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> well, we have about 10 minutes left or so...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> does anyone have any questions or concerns or thoughts...

Marlene >> what is the follow up course to this one??

Marlene >> is there one?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> well, if you're in the graduate section, it will depend on your major...

Marlene >> exceptional ed

Falisha >> well ty ladies. I wasn't planning to stop in because my kids are up @ 7 pm but since they go to bed @ 7:30 I had time. Lourdes, you saved me so much time and grey hairs. TYTYTYTY!!!

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> if you're taking it for PD credit, most people follow it with competency 3 or go back to competency 1 if they didn't do it first

wajida >> Lourdes Smith can we have your email address, in case we want to contact you..

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Good night Falisha...thank you for stopping in

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you can always reach me at losmith@mail.ucf.edu

wajida >> ty

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'd be glad to help any way I can

Marlene >> bye Falisha

Falisha >> gnite! and 6 WEEKS TO SUMMER!!!!



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Marlene, I think you will not need another class unless it's an assessment class...

Marlene >> k....thanks

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> our course, you'll want to check with your direct advisor for more detail...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> our course is a good overview of reading instruction and development...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you can always go much deeper...

Marlene >> will check with advisor..... just thought because I enjoyed this class, I could do the next this summer

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Marlene, I cannot recall of hand, are you currently teaching?

Marlene >> I am a sub. I am looking for an ex ed job, and working on ma also

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> you may want to take some of the other endorsement classes, they are not done for graduate credit, but for in-service

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> they are also very good

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> perhaps you'll be able to get into a job this year and take one next summer

Marlene >> ok...will look into it. I am doing practicum this fall

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> any other questions or concerns?

wajida >> I need to leave now. Thanks a lot everyone... I enjoyed a lot this course and hope to continue with the follow-ups..

Michelle >> ! Is FO-PD a part of Just Read Florida?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Have a good evening.

Marlene >> no further questions. Have a good evening all.



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Yes, we are a grant out of the JRF office.

FOR-PD Project (spring222)>> have a good one

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Goodnight, Marlene

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> thanks for coming

Michelle >> I am scheduled participate this summer.

Marlene >> enjoyed the time

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm sad we won't be having the JRF leadership conference in late summer

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> but, budget cuts Happen

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I'm glad they are doing some other things over the summer

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> though...

Michelle >> Well, no further questions. I am glad I participated. good evening, all.

Marlene >> bye

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thanks for coming

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> have a good night

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> I think we're about done...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> if anyone else has questions, concerns, ideas, or thoughts, please feel free to contact me directly at losmith@mail.ucf.edu

FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Ladies, thank you all for coming.

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Cyle, thank you for transcribing our chat...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Hi Kevin



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[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we're just about to close down for tonight...

FOR-PD Project (spring222)>> no problem

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> did you have a question for us that we could help you with?

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> if you have a question you can just type it into the white message box and hit enter when you're done...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Betty, thanks for coming

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> have a good evening and email me about that info you wanted...

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> take care

Betty >> !! Well, I am sure glad that I took this course and I am glad that we stayed the course. Thanks to Ms. Smith and Ms. Shoemaker and to Mr. Cyle and my FOR -PD classmates and to everyone else. I do not want to leave anyone out. Be blessed everyone.>>

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> Thank you Betty

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> we really appreciate your kind thoughts and words

[FORPD_Read] Lourdes >> have a great summer