Supporting Hands on Delivery: Curriculum that offers options

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Entry to General Education (EGE)

An accredited course (WA owned)
- Focused on skills adults need in life and in the community
- Offers plenty of time to learn basics using a range of strategies
- Based on what adult students find useful
Components of EGE

- Reading writing maths
- Getting a licence
- Filling in forms
- Dealing with bills
- Time
- Talking to doctors
- Healthy food choices (on a budget)
- Reading signs
- Using a computer
Features of course

Target group: adults who are either learning to read and write from scratch or have received a jigsaw puzzle of learning that has not yet enabled them to acquire and use initial literacy, numeracy and life skills.
Features of curriculum

- Break up of initial skills
- 60 hour core modules covers most areas required as building blocks for other entry courses
- Time in separate electives (Analogue/Digital)
Core units

Three levels for core units

- Entry to Reading and Writing 1  40
- Entry to Reading and Writing 2  40
- Entry to Reading and Writing 3  40
- Entry to Mathematics 1        60
- Entry to Mathematics 2        60
- Entry to Mathematics 3        60
- Introduction to Completing Forms  20
- Introduction to Managing Your Bills  20
More features

New Electives

- Introduction to Oral Communication 1 20
- Introduction to Oral Communication 2 20
- Introduction to Oral Communication 3 20
- Your Health 20
- Healthy Eating on a Budget 30
- Digital Time 20
- Analogue Time 20
More features

New Electives (continued)

- Preparing for the Learner’s Permit Test  20
- Extraordinary Driver’s License  20

Imported units from other curricula:

- Safety Signs and Information  20
- Participate in activities related to current Indigenous events of significance  20
- Complete a project with support  20
- Use computer language and perform simple computing tasks  20
Some history - IGE-EGE

The EGE curriculum is based on a course called ‘Introduction to General Education’

- The IGE was developed by Curtin University in early nineties for Aboriginal adults
- Most sites within the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) used the IGE (up to 100 students at 14 sites)
- WA Department of Education and Training (DET) managed reaccreditation in 2008
- DCS support users
What do you do to use the course?

- For non-accredited delivery
  - Nothing

OR

- For accredited delivery
  - Get permission to use the free curriculum
  - Add it to your scope as a RTO (Registered Training Organisation)
  - Access staff with skills profile to teach it
Resources

- CD handout contains resources created by DCS.
- We create a culture of sharing and development
- For example:
  - Oral communication
  - Maths
  - Managing your bills
Questions
Reaccreditation

- The EGE is due for reaccreditation in 2011
- Considerable changes are foreseen for the reading and writing units with regard to the teaching of phonics
- At this stage it appears that minimal changes will be made to the rest of the structure.
Proposed changes

- Distinguish between letter names and phonemes
- No longer use the term ‘sounds’ with regard to phonics
- Place emphasis on the correct pronunciation of phonemes
Reaccreditation process

Do you want to take part?

Email Cheryl or Helena and let them know that you want to be a part of the 2011 curriculum reference group set up next year, meeting via teleconference, for this purpose.
National context

- Victoria and Western Australia will still accredit own courses from 2011.
- Other states will move the course accreditation role to the National VET Regulator from 1 April 2011.
Where to find more information on the EGE?

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Questions
Thank you.