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CHAIR'S GREETINGS

Dear Members,

Congratulations, you have made it through many months of impacting the lives of students and are rounding the bend to approaching the end of the school year. On behalf of students, parents, and the community, thank you for your dedication and commitment to your students and their success. The BEC's obligation to the community continues to be to improve standards of teaching and maintain and improve professional conduct of educators to enhance the learning of Bermuda's students. To that end, this issue of the Council Chronicle is to provide you with follow-up information regarding how we are continuing to improve standards of teaching by the way of our new partnership with Coventry University's National Institute of Teaching and Education, which was introduced in our last newsletter. We also continue to provide free professional learning opportunities, so please join us this month for PD. Our renewal period is upon us and as we shared in our Winter Newsletter, license renewal fees and application for licensure are now online. Look out for an email next week about accessing our new website to find instructions on how to both apply and renew online.

Finally we are proud to have our new site! This labor of love we hope will add value to our organization, ease the burden of our members and gets us closer to being truly responsive to the needs of our members. We hope that you are pleased with the strides that we are making and look forward to sharing more with you at our May 31 AGM. Until then...

Faithfully,

Tamicia Darrell

Bermuda Educators Council, Chair

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Research Lesson Studies: An Overview - April 25th: Facilitated by Tamicia Darrell

(Target Audience – any member interested in learning more about this professional learning model)

Reciprocal Teaching for both Reading and Mathematics - April 26th: Facilitated by Arlita Bascome-McCook

(Target Audience upper primary – high school ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies Teachers/ Paras)

Both sessions will be held at Dellwood Middle School from 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/iSWfZ5DAPLYHm5gi7>

BEC AND COVENTRY UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP – IPGCE (INTERNATIONAL)

To meet the growing need for qualified teachers in Bermuda, the BEC is partnering with the National Institute of Teaching and Education (NITE) at Coventry University to offer the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE) International to qualified Bermuda candidates.

The iPGCE International is a teacher training course tailored for trainee teachers, teaching assistants, and learning support assistants, who are employed (or associated) in schools (primary and secondary) and wish to have the opportunity to train on the job. It combines the flexibility of online learning (through webinars, tutorials, interactive course materials and discussions) with practical in-school experience and personal tutoring. The course is designed to be studied over one year with starting dates in January, April, or September.

The BEC will be facilitating this partnership and the trainee teachers will have a chance to commence the program and form a cohort giving the opportunity for discussion and reflection on practice. The BEC office, located in Hamilton, will provide a central meeting place for cohort meetings.

Each teacher trainee will collaborate with a school-based subject specific mentor who will meet with the trainee regularly and perform classroom observations and provide feedback. The BEC will assist schools in identifying and supporting in-school mentors and providing assessors who will visit and observe the trainee teachers and provide feedback to the university. The university will provide the online/interactive program and lead mentors to support and guide the trainee teacher's development.

Entry requirements to the PGCE International include:

Holding a university degree. Candidates will have to provide an official comparability statement for non-UK qualifications – see: <https://www.enic.org.uk/>.

Based in a school which can provide a minimum of 12 hours teaching per week (subject specific if secondary) and an in-school mentor.

While the cost of the program has not been finalized, it is anticipated to be between BD\$6500 – \$7000.

UPDATE

A virtual information session with the BEC and Coventry University was held on Wednesday, February 22. This information session was recorded and if you wish to view the presentation, please contact the BEC Office at educators@logic.bm.

The National Institute of Teaching and Education - NITE (part of the Coventry University Group) provides a number of webinars which might be of interest to those considering teaching as a career. To review and access these webinars go to <https://www.coventry.ac.uk/nite/events/>.

There has been a strong interest in this programme and the BEC in partnership with Coventry University with plans to commence the first iPGCE cohort in September 2023. An email, providing the next steps, is being sent from the BEC Office to those who have indicated an interest. If you are interested and wish to be included on any future correspondence, please reach out to the BEC Office at educators@logic.bm.

Please note that this opportunity is a wonderful option for persons that are currently paraprofessionals or uncertified teachers seeking certification. If you have a Bachelor's degree you can easily qualify!

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TEACHING AND EDUCATION – NITE – (COVENTRY UNIVERSITY) AND BEC PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF MA IN EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Virtual Presentation on Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 pm

Contact the BEC Office at educators@logic.bm or 292-0964 to request a link to the presentation.

Features of the NITE MA Education:

- Who is this for? Recent graduates of a teacher preparation programme or experienced teachers.
- Why? To engage with contemporary educational research to enhance your practice and develop your professional knowledge and skills.
- Flexible
 - ♦ Three start dates
 - ♦ Full time or part time
 - ♦ Online
- Focus on a pathway that is of interest to you.
 - ♦ Special Education Needs and Disabilities
 - ♦ Expert Practitioner
 - ♦ Coaching and Mentoring

Features of the NITE MA Educational Leadership:

- To provide leadership learning and leadership opportunities in a school setting.
- Why choose NITE for your MA in Educational Leadership?
 - ♦ It is theoretical but also highly practical.
 - ♦ Enables students to apply their knowledge, build connections and gain confidence.
 - ♦ Enables schools to support their leaders to become even better leaders and retain excellent staff.
 - ♦ Excellent support from the course team and leaders in education who mentor students closely throughout their leadership journey.

LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION FOR 2023 – 2025

Our upcoming renewal period begins May 1 and closes on June 30. Please find below the licensure fee for 2023-2025. The new website will have instructions on how to renew online.

Due to the difficulty educators have had in securing professional development hours (credits) during 2021- 23 licensing period, the BEC has suspended professional development hours for re-licensure, for this licensure period. However, you can upload any PD evidence (certificates) right onto your profile when you log on to our new website. Simply click on 'Professional Learning Credits' and select add credits. The PD requirements will be reinstated for the 2023-25 licensing period.

BEC FEES 2023-2025

LICENSE FEES

Principal/ DOE personnel	\$215.00
Teacher/ Ed. Therapist	\$165.00
Paraprofessional/ETA	\$130.00
Substitute/ Retiree	\$115.00
Limited Authority Teacher	\$75.00

APPLICATION FEES

Regular Application	\$100.00
Emergency Application	\$250.00
Expedited Application	\$1250.00

LICENSE FEES

10% each month, up to 3 months
After 3 months, suspension of license.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Coventry's MA in Education presentation – April 20th

P.D. – April 25th & 26th

AGM – May 31

Renewal period – May 1 – June 30

Website: bec.memberclicks.net

IMPORTANT LINKS

Click on each link below to access the resource documents.

[BEC Act 2002](#)

[BEC Code of Practice 2010](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Click on the icons to connect to each of our social media channels.

