

Dear Mentors,

First, I would like to thank you for another great year and share some statics about our program with you.

- The WCTP at Ole Miss certified 59% of the state's new 2017 NBCTs!
- Our certification rate was 70% for our candidates in the fall. The national rate is only ~ 45%.

As you can see, we have made a difference. You also know we have had lots of changes with the inclusion of WCTP 601 and MDE changing the formula funding, which they have done once more. In the past, I have hosted one mentor training at Oxford each summer and made it available as a video voice over if mentors could not attend. Unfortunately, that did not work.

This year, I will conduct three mentor trainings at different times, dates, and locations. **All mentors will be required to attend one meeting.** This meeting is mandatory and necessary because of the funding changes; it is absolutely essential that we all be on the same page. You are welcome to attend any meeting. Here are the dates and locations.

- June 11, Monday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Southaven (Ole Miss Desoto Center, room 265)
- July 12, Thursday, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tupelo (Ole Miss Center, room 233)
- July 20, Friday, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Oxford (Insight Park)

Please, mark your calendar, and I look forward to seeing you.

Additional Notes

- Exit Surveys are now available on the WCTP website (lower right hand corner). All candidates must complete the survey before any CEUs can be issued, and mentors must complete the survey before payment can be issued. Do not worry; the surveys are anonymous and only meant to help us.
- Mentors are welcome to attend any Summer Standard workshop for free. This is an excellent chance for you to earn CEUs. (See the red bar on the top of the WCTP webpage for details)
- I am also creating a resource page for each certificate in the Component 1 module (WCTP 601). Please, bring hard copies of any resources that you can share and would like to be linked to the page, or you are welcome to email the resources to me. If you email resources, please use the subject line: WCTP 601 Resources.

Last but definitely not least, this summer I will be traveling to Washington State to attend Jumpstart training. Ladies, Jumpstart is the premier distributor of candidate resources. Everything I bring back will be embedded in WCTP 601 by September 1. This is going to be a game changer for us because they partner with the National Board to create their resources!

Have a great summer. I really appreciate you and all you have done for this program and our teachers. See you at the mentor training.

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