Counselors Join Reading Apprenticeship® Team

Three of Renton Technical College’s counselors have joined the Reading Apprenticeship® team on campus as we forge ahead to serve our students in new and different ways.

Kristin McCurdy, Motoko Nakazawa-Hewitt, and Debbie Rundle (pictured at left) have completed the first level of the Reading Apprenticeship online training course for faculty.

This is important because next year they will be observing and learning the ropes in the College Success class taught by Michele Lesmeister. The Reading Apprenticeship framework will be one of the primary approaches for the success classes.

Reading Apprenticeships routines such as Personal Reading History, Personal Math History, Setting Classroom Norms, Frayer Models, Evidence Logs, Twenty-five word summaries, and other routines will be how the contextualized content is delivered.

The faculty members in the pilot programs have completed a survey noting what skills they would like their students to possess and our curriculum team is working hard to make the delivery.

Like in the Reading Apprenticeship classrooms, developing these courses and ideas for the courses have been a community effort and there will be modeling and apprenticing for our faculty and students alike. So the best practices of Reading Apprenticeship, Universal Design for Learning, and active learning are coming together to support our Title III work.
Professional Development in Reading Apprenticeship

If you are interested in some Professional Development in Reading Apprenticeship, below are some opportunities to learn more:

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<td>6 Weeks</td>
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<td>Reading Apprenticeship Campus Coach online course</td>
<td>8 Weeks, RA 101 is required to be completed first</td>
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For more information about either online course, contact Michele Lesmeister at mlesmeister@rtc.edu

RATs Website Moved to RA/RATs LibGuide

For all of our followers, we wish to thank you for your support and interest in our work. Our website content is moving from the http://www.rtc-rats.org address to our RA/RATs LibGuide at http://libguides.rtc.edu/rats. The redirection will happen automatically so if you enter either web address, it will take you to the RA/RATs LibGuide at http://libguides.rtc.edu/rats.

Final Issue of RAT Tracks

This is the final issue of the RAT Tracks. The writer and production crew of this monthly newsletter are working on other important initiatives. We continue to use Reading Apprenticeship and will also continue to assist faculty who want to see an RA classroom in action, learn more about our library resources supporting RA, or learn more about our work in Reading Apprenticeship.

Resources for Learning More about RA

- The RTC Library’s RA/RATs LibGuide can be found at http://libguides.rtc.edu/rats.
- Feel free to email Michele Lesmeister (mlesmeister@rtc.edu) or Jenna Pollock (jpollock@rtc.edu) with questions about RA.

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