

## Professional development: trial for online learning for WACE courses

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Council's trial of online professional development to support teachers implementing new WACE courses will run until 7 July. The following 15 courses are available:

Course	Course
Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies	English as an Additional Language/Dialect
Aboriginal Languages of WA	Italian
Career and Enterprise	Marine and Maritime Technology
Chinese: Second Language	Materials Design and Technology
Computer Science	Outdoor Education
Dance	Philosophy and Ethics
Drama	Psychology
English	

Teachers who registered for the professional development trial should have received notification by email of when their course became available. It is not possible to register for more than one course at this point.

When registering, teachers need to use their WACOT number.

Council views online professional development as integral to the provision of services in the future. In 2009, online professional development will provide an alternative to large-scale face-to-face training, which has been a feature of Council's professional development plan.

The online professional development will:

- be more flexible for schools
- provide support for individuals and departments/faculties
- impact less on travel and time away from school/home for country teachers.

The next phase of the project will see online professional development programs developed for the remaining 38 courses. The materials developed will take into account feedback received from teachers who participated in the initial trial.

If you would like to access a sample of online professional development to provide Council with feedback, email [lmshelp@curriculum.wa.edu.au](mailto:lmshelp@curriculum.wa.edu.au) to arrange a login and receive instructions.

To register for the trial in any of the listed courses, complete the form at [http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Senior\\_Secondary/Teacher\\_Support/Professional\\_Development/PD\\_Online\\_Reg/](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Senior_Secondary/Teacher_Support/Professional_Development/PD_Online_Reg/).

To read the information about online professional development distributed to teachers on 28 April, go to [http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Documents/LMS\\_Registration\\_Info.pdf](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Documents/LMS_Registration_Info.pdf).