

Professional Learning Continues this Fall at the Belin-Blank Center!

In *Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maud Montgomery declared, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." (*Anne of Green Gables* is a great read for young gifted readers, as well as for you, if you haven't read the classic!) We look forward to collaborating with you this October and beyond!

October brings the midway point in the fall semester, but we have more offerings coming up than classes that are ending. **If you have at least one other person from your school/district interested in taking a class with you, in the spirit of a Professional Learning Community (PLC), contact us at educators@belinblank.org, and we'll give all the members of your PLC a 50% tuition scholarship (applied to graduate tuition, so \$290 / hour).**

For those who are interested in continuing their professional learning about gifted education (whether earning the [State of Iowa Talented and Gifted Endorsement](#) or not), consider some of these options, all critical for your practice (all credits apply to one of the strands for the endorsement).

Workshops (no additional technology fees):

- ✓ EDTL:4153:0WKA **Gifted and General Education Collaboration** Oct 11 – 29
Gerald Aungst *Programming Strand* 1 semester hour (s.h.)
What is more important than collaboration to ensure the best for our gifted students?
- ✓ PSQF:5194:0WKB **Leadership in Gifted Education: ITAG Conference** Oct 21 – Nov 10
Laurie Croft & Randy Lange *Administrative Strand* 1 or 2 s.h.
Those interested in ITAG credit, email educators@belinblank.org to override the enrollment restriction. Automatic 50% tuition scholarship (applied to graduate tuition, so \$290 / hour).
- ✓ EDTL:4025:0WKA **Differentiated Instruction for Gifted** Oct 25 – Nov 12
Debra Judge *Programming Strand* 1 s.
One of the foundations of gifted education, especially since all educators have a responsibility to differentiate for gifted learners (e.g., see [MTSS for Advanced Learners](#))
- ✓ EDTL:4189:0WKA **Practicum in Gifted/Talented Education** Nov 8 – Dec 3
Laurie Croft *Practicum* 1 s.h.
Those interested in practicum, email educators@belinblank.org to override the enrollment restriction. You can get started as soon as you enroll!
- ✓ PSQF:5194:0WKA **Leadership in Gifted Education: NAGC Convention** Nov 17 – Dec 9
Laurie Croft & Randy Lange *Administrative Strand* 1 or 2 s.h.
Those interested in NAGC credit, email educators@belinblank.org to override the enrollment restriction. Automatic 50% tuition scholarship (applied to graduate tuition, so \$290 / hour).
- ✓ EDTL:4096:0WKB **Empowering Underrepresented Gifted Students** Nov 22 – Dec 14
Antonia Szymanski *Programming Strand* 1 s.h.
HOT off the [press](#), from [Dr. Joy Lawson Davis](#), to help empower students who have been overlooked for gifted programs (book study).

Extension classes (tuition, plus technology fee)

- ✓ EDTL:4067:0EXW **Conceptions of Talent Development** Oct 18 – Dec 17
Laurie Croft *Psychology strand (2 sh); Programming (1 s.h.)* 3 s.h class
This three-semester hour adds 2 semester hours to the Psychology and one to the Programming strand, exploring issues that are important to the [focus on talent development in our field](#).

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Practicum in Gifted Education

Oct 25 – Dec 3

Laurie Croft

Practicum strand

(1, 2, or 3 s.h.)

Those full-time students or those interested in more than one hour of practicum, email

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The current schedule of courses is available at belinblank.org/courses; specifics about the State of Iowa Talented and Gifted Endorsement are available at belinblank.org/endorsement. Visit our website for [directions](#) about registering with Distance and Online Education to take coursework as a non-degree-seeking student. Share questions with us at educators@belinblank.org or give us a call at 319-335-6148! We look forward to collaborating with you to provide the best possible programming for gifted/talented children!