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Discounted online course work for OFT members- IMPORTANT

As a CTU member you are also a member of the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). The OFT has partnered with Ursuline College to offer an online one-year membership to take up to three different courses over the span of a year for an extremely discounted rate.

On the back of this newsletter is a flyer that explains this program. There is even more information located on the OFT website (www.oh.aft.org). That is where there should be a link or a phone number that you can use to register for this year-long membership to take classes for license renewal at a discounted rate.

When a member joins the VESi program, the yearly fee is \$225 for the entire year. This \$225 membership fee allows OFT members access to 29 different online classes. A member can take up to one course per term (fall, spring, and summer) for a total of no more than 3 courses. A member can take up to 2 courses in the summer but still cannot go over the 3 total courses for the year. **This is up to a \$1,700 savings for a year** for members who need to renew their licenses with coursework. OFT is committed to this program for two years. The \$225 membership fee is for one year.

An OFT member can sign up for either this first year, or next year or both. This is an exclusive offer for OFT members only. **When registering, a member has to enter their AFT member number. If you cannot locate your AFT member number, please email me or Debbie Paden (CTU Educational Issues chair) and one of us can locate it for you.**

This is another example of a great benefit for members of the CTU. One of the things the CTU is always striving to accomplish is working for the professional lives of our members as well as the bread and butter issues as a union.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions.

Mark Baumgartner, Trustee-at-Large
Director of Professional Issues- CTU

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COMING IN
OCTOBER 2019

Leave SUMMER BEHIND

FALL INTO A VESi COURSE!

Online continuing education courses for K-12 educators
- a benefit offered exclusively to OFT members.

Visit virtualeduc.com/oft or call 1-800-313-6744 for more information.

One low annual course membership
fee of \$225.00 per year

2 or 3 Graduate Semester Credits

Choose from 29 online courses for
re-certification/authorization renewal

You may take one course each term
for a total of three courses each year

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more information.

Course topics include:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Autism & Asperger's Disorders
Classroom Management
Differentiated Instruction
Early Childhood Education
English Language Learner
Harassment, Bullying & Cyber-intimidation
Reading & Writing
Response to Intervention
Talented and Gifted
Teaching Diversity
Teaching Math Conceptually
and many more.

Graduate Credits granted
through Ursuline College.

