

## *Developing Students who are Healthy, Fit and Ready to Learn: More Teachers with Increased Competency*

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The Florida Department of Education's, Office of Healthy Schools, with support from Title IV, Part A, has collaborated with health education experts from across the state to develop an online professional development (PD) course. The course, entitled "Health Education Competencies and Skills for Florida Teachers", will improve the knowledge and ability of prospective health education teachers, thereby increasing instructor capacity. It is our goal to help school districts provide the opportunity for Florida students to receive quality health education. This 15 -20 hour professional development (PD) course will be provided at no cost to teachers through the Canvas platform.



Dr. Elissa Barr, Professor of Public Health, University of North Florida, is the lead developer of the "Health Education Competencies and Skills for Florida Teachers" online course. Please join Dr. Barr for a three hour, interactive workshop, on Monday, July 22, 2019, from 9:00 – 12:00 at the PAEC Leadership Conference in San Destin Florida. This three hour workshop will include:

- Overview of the importance and need for providing stand-alone health education
- Success stories from Florida school districts that require stand-alone health education in middle schools
- Success story from Maria Pouncey: How Health Education Impacts Students and Families
- Review of stand-alone health education courses available for districts
- Course preview

