



## thrive e-Academy

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR  
RI TEACHERS OF HEALTH

### ***Knowledge & Skills for Teaching the Prevention of HIV, STDs, & Unintended Pregnancy***



- *Open to all Rhode Island Teachers of Health*
- *No Registration Fee!*
- *Earn 30 Contact Hours upon successful completion!*
- *Flexible schedule... no need to log in at any specific times*
- *All learning modules and assignments take place on-line.*
- *Must have computer with Internet access (preferably high-speed) and MS Word*
- *Other software can be downloaded for free (e.g. Adobe Reader & Flash Player)*
- *Must complete weekly assignments & participate actively in online discussions*

#### **Course Overview**

This course is for teachers who have the responsibility for teaching students about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), unintended pregnancy and the prevention of both. To deal with these subjects effectively teachers must not only be knowledgeable about the diseases and pregnancy, but must also be able to teach students the skills they need to prevent them.

#### **Course Facilitator**

**Annie Silvia** - HIV/Sexuality/Family Life Specialist,  
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#### **Course Goal**

Participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively teach the prevention of HIV/STDs & unintended pregnancy.

#### **Course Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

- Identify the disease process of HIV/AIDS
- Identify the risk factors of HIV and STDs
- List common sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Identify the rate of unintended pregnancy in RI
- List the common myths and misconceptions about conception and contraception
- Learn strategies for enhancing comfort level when teaching lessons that involve sensitive content areas of sexuality and HIV.
- Recognize and keep characteristics of effective sexuality education in mind when selecting/developing standards-based instruction.
- Understand and apply strategies for teaching HIV, STDs, and pregnancy prevention including decision- making, refusal & negotiation skills.
- Appreciate the personal challenges associated with learning and implementing new approaches to instruction and assessment.
- Design a lesson plan using Kirby's "Characteristics of Effective Curriculum.

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