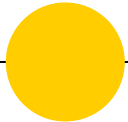


Secondary Health Education Teachers Perspectives of Professional Development and Learning in Central Virginia



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Background & Problems In Central Virginia...

- VA Health and Physical Education teachers on the critical shortage list 2018-19 and 2021-22
(Commonwealth of Virginia Critical Shortage Teaching Endorsement Areas for 2018-2019 School Year, 2018, Commonwealth of Virginia critical shortage teaching endorsement areas for 2021-2022 school year, 2021)
- Provisional licensure to fill vacancies. *(Understanding Virginia Provisional Teaching Licensure., 2016)*
- As of July of 2015, licensed teachers in Virginia are not required to complete PD in their area of academic endorsement to renew their teaching license *(Understanding Virginia Provisional Teaching Licensure., 2016)*
- Initial teaching license or renewal, as of July 1, 2018, will be valid for ten years
(previously, licenses expired after five years)

In health education, SHETs reported less support, in terms of PDL, as compared with educators of all other secondary subjects (Cardina, 2018).



Purpose & Specific Aims

The purpose of the study is to explore secondary health education teachers' (SHETs) perspectives of professional development and learning (PDL).

RQ #1



What constraints and opportunities exist to participation in health-related professional development and learning for secondary health education teachers in Central Virginia?

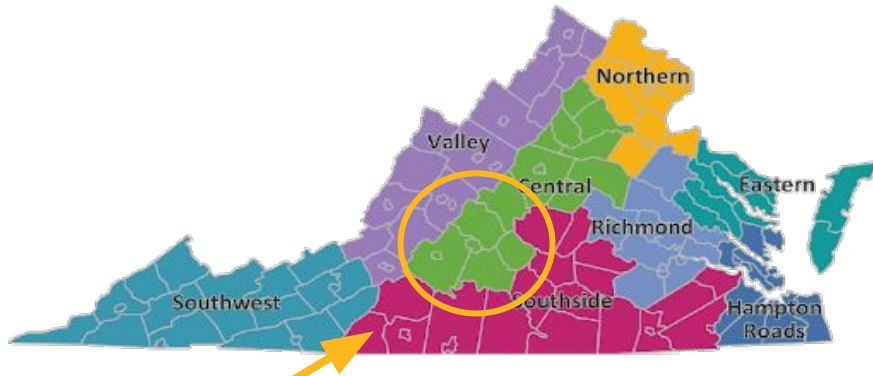
RQ #2



What structures and resources for professional development and learning experiences are needed for secondary health education teachers in Central Virginia to be prepared to teach the state health curriculum?



Setting, Participants & Data



Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, Nelson Counties and the City of Lynchburg in Virginia

- Purposeful Sample (Patton, 2014)
- 13 SHETs (n=7 MS, n=6 HS)
- between 3-42 years of experience (average=18)
- School districts represent some observation and student teaching sites for the University of Lynchburg
- Interviews, Focus Groups, Research Journal and Document Analysis



RQ #1 - Categories Themes and Subthemes...

What constraints and opportunities exist to participation in health-related professional development and learning for secondary health education teachers in Central Virginia?

Category	Theme	Subtheme
Constraints	School Wide	No PDL specific to HE
	PDL	Lack of Goals for HE in School Improvement Plan
Opportunities	Outside PDL	Timing Request and Approval Procedures for PDL
	School Wide	Technology offerings
Opportunities	PDL	FA, CPR and AED Recertification Social Emotional Learning Focused PDL
	Outside PDL	Internet Searches
		Conference Attendance Special Offerings and Programming



RQ #2 - Categories Themes and Subthemes...

What structures and resources for professional development and learning experiences are needed for secondary health education teachers in Central Virginia to be prepared to teach the state health curriculum?

Category	Themes	Subthemes
Needs for School Wide PDL	Infrastructure for PDL	Access and Approval Procedures for PDL
	Experiences	Administrative Guidance and Support
		Training for PLCs
Needs for Outside PDL	Effective Delivery of PDL	Modeling Instructional Strategies
	Content- Specific Knowledge	PDL in Health Content

Recommendations For School Administrators



**Clarify and Create Access and Approval
Procedures for PDL**

Add or Reinstate Administrative Guidance and Support

**Support PLCs through trainings and opportunities
to participate**

**Allow SHETs to share/state needs for and support
PDL in Health Content**

Recommendations for PDL Providers



Survey SHETs for Health Content Needs

**Create PDL that Models Appropriate Instructional
Strategies**

Support PLCs for Continuous Learning



Dissemination and Action Plan...

May 2022

July 2022 / Nov.
2022

Summer / Fall 2022

Fall 2022 / Spring
2023

Dissemination to
Virginia
Department of
Education

Dissemination to
Participating
School Districts
and SHETs

Presentation at
Health and Physical
Activity Institute
(@JMU)

Interest Meeting
@ VAHPERD

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and Submit
Article for
Publication

Create and
Begin PLCs
In Central
Virginia



Thank You!



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