

Supporting the Beginning Teacher:

Becoming a Collegiate Support Person (CSP)



Western Australian
College of Teaching

What does it mean to be a Collegiate Support Person (CSP)?

Teachers who are new to the profession are registered with the Western Australian College of Teaching in the category of Provisional Registration as a Teacher. This is to recognise that the first few years of their teaching career is one where strategic support is necessary and valued. This period of provisional registration is designed and envisaged as an opportunity for the beginning teacher to gradually acquire the skills, values and understandings that are required to become an accomplished teacher and move to Registered Teacher status. This growth and development is to be facilitated by the support and collegial advice of experienced volunteer teachers who will become their Collegiate Support Persons (CSPs). The College is seeking expressions of interest from teachers who would like to be placed on the CSP register.

The Western Australian College of Teaching is looking for experienced teachers to volunteer assistance to these beginning teachers. Becoming a CSP demonstrates evidence of your own leadership in the school community and service to the individual and the teaching profession. Also, engaging in this process can be documented and will contribute to the Professional Learning requirements set out by the Western Australian College of Teaching for renewal of membership.

If you are someone who:

- Has well developed professional knowledge and skills?
- Is able to really listen?
- Has the respect of their colleagues?
- Builds rapport and trust with a range of people?
- Is enthusiastic about teaching?
- Is willing to share the expectations, knowledge and practices of the profession?
- Engages in ongoing professional learning?
- Has had experience in at least two education settings (e.g. country/metro/remote/ECE/Distance Education/etc)?
- Has taught a minimum of three years in WA?
- Has had a recent police clearance?

.....**then please apply for our CSP register.**

How does it work?

- Beginning teachers trying to find a CSP will contact the College.
- An email will be sent to all CSPs on the register with the beginning teacher's details.
- Those CSPs who best match the needs of the beginning teacher are able to establish contact directly.

FIRST NAME _____

FAMILY NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

LEARNING AREA _____

QUALIFICATION _____

CONTACT ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

PHONE: (HM) _____

(WK) _____

(Mob:) _____

EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

Please mark as applicable:

MENTORING EXPERIENCE: YES

PREPARED TO ATTEND "MENTORING"

TRAINING COURSES YES

*ATSI BACKGROUND: YES

GENDER: MALE FEMALE

AGE: Under 40 40-50 over 50

LOCATION:

CITY RURAL REMOTE

SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

*ATSI –denotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

For further information please contact Simone Harris on 08 9221 1300 or email: prt@wacot.wa.edu.au.

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