

# Qs & As

## 2010 SECO Professional Development Conference

The SECO Conference is open to all science educators, as presenters or attendees. The Science Education Council of Ohio (SECO) membership provides a savings to registrants.

### **What is a Concurrent Session?**

This year SECO has 14 concurrent sessions listed in the program. These are one hour sessions (8-12 choices each session) presented by educators. Presenters share an innovative teaching idea, results of research, or actively involve participants in hands on activities. You may choose to attend any of the 8-10 sessions offered during that particular hour. There are a total of 100+ sessions offered over the 3 days.

A list of sessions will be available on the website in November.

### **How do I know what concurrent sessions are offered?**

You can check the SECO website for concurrent sessions in November.

You will receive a final program at the conference that lists all the session times and room numbers when you visit the Hospitality Desk the Columbus Convention Center.

Hours are:

Wed	5:00PM-7:00PM
Thurs	7:00AM-6:00PM
Fri	7:00AM-5:00PM
Sat	7:00AM-12:00PM

### **.What is a Short Course?**

A short course is a 3-5 hour ticketed session. These have limited space. **You MUST pre-register.** The course is an in-depth study of a topic. The extra fees for the short course covers curriculum materials, books or class materials from the presenters.. Graduate credit is available for attending a short course.

### **Can I get PDU's (Contact Hours) ?**

Yes, You can receive:

Concurrent session = 1 hour

General Session = 1.5 hour

Ohio Department of Education Session =1.5 hour

Short Course = 5 hour

SEPUP Academy = 5 hour

Elementary Day = 5 hour

Special Sessions and exhibits = time spent.

Please pick up and fill out the PDU contact hour form each day at the Hospitality/Information Desk.

At the end of the day, return the form to the Hospitality Desk for an official certificate with signatures and imprint.

## **Can I get Graduate Credit for attending Concurrent sessions?**

Yes, if you attend 5 concurrent sessions listed under one of the strands in the program. The strands will be indicated by icons in the program and on the WEB.

The 2010 Strand Topics are:

1. Nature of Science
2. Instructional Technology in the Science Classroom
3. Teaching for Assessment versus Enduring Understanding
4. Science Teaching in the Elementary Classroom
5. S.T.E.M.

## **How can I get Graduate Credit?**

To receive graduate credit, you need to obtain a graduate credit form from the Registration Desk and return it to the Registration Desk with your payment. You may charge your University of Cincinnati (\$215.00) Grad Credit fee or write a personal check.

You must attend the Strand Sessions or Short Course; follow the assignments for UC credit; and, submit the assignment by the date specified in the packet.

## **Who has to register?**

**Everyone** who attends the conference must have a registration badge.

This includes presenters, presiders, teachers, spouses, students and guests.

Exhibitors receive 2 badges with each booth.

Participants who have pre-registered will receive their badge in the mail.

You may also register on site at the Registration Booth.

## **Should I attend the Buffet Lunch?**

If you are new to the teaching profession, (0-5 years) or an old timer, this is the best way to learn how to navigate through the SECO conference. The Luncheon is offered at a substantially reduced cost. SECO Leadership will share experiences and advise you on how to get the most out of the conference experience, as well as introduce you to your professional colleagues. Door Prizes!!!

## **Payments**

**Can I use a Purchase Order?** Yes. Fill out the Registration form. Obtain a copy of the PO from your treasurer. Send the PO with registration form. A receipt/invoice will be sent to you and your school treasurer. Remember you are responsible for checking with your District to make sure that they have mailed the check.

**Can I use a Credit Card?** Yes.

We accept Mastercard, VISA and Discover.  
Remember to include your expiration date, CVV2, and your signature.

*Checks* are to be made out to “SECO Conference”.

### **Can I become a member when I register?**

*YES.* You can check off the member dues. Then you can register at the member price and save \$30 from the conference registration fee.