The Center for Anthroposophy, in conjunction with the Antioch University New England Waldorf Teacher Education Program, is proud to announce a new program:

Building Bridges

Introductory workshops for practicing teachers interested in Waldorf training at Antioch University

Now accepting applications for an Alaskan cohort!

https://www.centerforanthroposophy.org/building-bridges-waldorf-teacher-training/

Why?

Meeting the needs of our students today requires new tools, insights and perspectives. Yet often teachers spend so many waking hours attending to the needs of their students, there is little time left for more than the daily preparation that is absolutely necessary in the moment. Many end up asking: How can I find the inner and outer resources to continue? How can I become a better teacher, especially a Waldorf teacher?
Often the process of professional development begins with questions such as:

1. What are the best strategies in working with parents?
2. How can I improve my ability to communicate and work with conflict when it arises?
3. How can I expand my tools in classroom management and discipline?
4. What are some of the ways I can work with the differentiated learning needs of my students?
5. How can the Waldorf curriculum enhance my ability to work with diversity and multiculturalism?
6. How can I better prepare and develop imagination, inspiration and living thinking?
7. How does my view of the world/philosophy of education inform my lesson planning and curriculum choices?

What?

With these questions as signposts, we are pleased to offer a series of workshops to support practicing teachers. They are designed to introduce the foundations of Waldorf education found in Anthroposophy through study, group discussion and the practice of the arts.

The content of these courses will supplement foundational course work in

preparation for formal Waldorf teacher training at Antioch, as well as content that may lead to advance standing in the Antioch teacher education program, thus possibly reducing the number of summer semesters required in residency in New Hampshire (from three to two summers).

Each applicant to Antioch will be evaluated on an individual basis, and the complete program outlined below must be taken in order to take full advantage of eventual advanced standing.

Seven extended weekend workshops will run Thursday afternoons, all day Friday and Saturday. Exact times and locations will be determined once registration is complete and we can see where our students are coming from….

When?

We are currently accepting registrations from practicing teachers in Colorado and Alaska. Once we have a cohort group of sufficient size, we will hire faculty and schedule sessions, most likely for five weekends (two in the fall, one in the winter and two in the spring) as well as one double course in a mid year vacation week. Registered participants will receive an email with the dates, times and instructors. Should the schedule be impossible, a participant may withdraw before Aug 1st. Right now, it is most likely that the course locations will be Denver and Anchorage. If we need to delay one or both clusters to the following year due to this late announcement the Center for Anthroposophy (CfA) will notify registered participants by Sept 1.

Workshops (not necessarily in this order):

Philosophical and curricular content will often be complemented by artistic practice, thus any courses #1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 etc. might be paired in the day long sessions. It is possible that a couple of the topics listed below might be offered in a week-long session during a mid year school vacation week.

1. Research and Applied Anthroposophy in the life of the teacher.
2. Singing and recorder playing for the grades.
3. Human Development and the sequencing of the Waldorf curriculum.
4. Eurythmy, a new art of movement designed for enhanced spatial orientation.
5. Geometry and Form Drawing for the development of imagination and balance.
6. Speech and storytelling.
7. Painting from color to form.

Faculty, all of whom will meet the highest standards for teacher educators, will be hired once sufficient registrations are received.

How?

Some workshops will require 2-3 hours of reading ahead of time, others may require a short project or reflective paper afterwards.

Books: Guided Self Study and School as a Journey, both by Torin Finser
Kingdom of Childhood by Rudolf Steiner. All available from SteinerBooks.org
Other readings at the discretion of instructors.

Sample Weekend Schedule:
Thursday 4:00-8:00
Friday 8:30-4:30
Saturday 8:30-4:30
Sunday : occasional individual advising as needed

These three-day workshops are designed to accommodate practicing teachers who may only be able to take occasional professional days. Those intending to apply for the full Waldorf teacher education program at Antioch University New England (AUNE) will need to do so by May 1st, 2017.

Teachers completing Parts I and II below will earn 28 credits and a Waldorf certificate recognized by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

Part I: Admission to Antioch's Waldorf teacher education program
-attendance at all Building Bridges workshops, and
-completion of all workshop assignments
Part II: Waldorf certification program requirements
-completion of Part I, and
-attendance at two, three-week sessions in Wilton, NH in July 2017 and 2018, and
-a practicum and independent study at teacher's home school between summers

Those seeking an M.Ed will need only 4 extra credits to reach required 32 credits.

The workshops listed above and the accompanying readings will support the admission requirements at Antioch and in many cases allow for advanced standing for qualified applicants. Those who attend all the workshops and complete all the Waldorf certificate requirements will be awarded a certificate from AUNE upon completion of the teacher training program at Antioch.

Those granted advanced standing and intending to continue in teacher education will be expected to attend two three week sessions in Wilton NH during July in 2017 and 2018 as well as undertake a practicum and independent study back home between summers for a total of 28 credits. This will result in the awarding of a Waldorf certificate recognized by the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

Those seeking an M.Ed will need to create and defend a 4-credit thesis for a total of 32 graduate credits. Degrees granted by AUNE are fully accredited.

PLEASE NOTE: A minimum of 12-15 applications is needed in order to run the course at a particular location. We reserve the right to cancel the program, should the number of applications fall below the required minimum. In such a case all registration fees will be fully refunded.

CANCELLATIONS: An enrolled student may withdraw from the program upon written request to info@centerforanthroposophy.org . Such request must be received at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the program in order to receive a refund for the Registration fee (less $75 cancelation fee) refunded. No refunds will be granted if cancellation is received after the program start-date.

Tuition:

Cost per each of the three day weekend workshops: $495

(one-week session if offered instead of two weekends: $$990)

Total program tuition: $3,465

Registration fee: $495

10 monthly credit cards debits of $297 need to be authorized for the balance of $2,970. The form to be used can be found here.

Please register by June 15 to ensure a spot. For questions call 603-654-2566.

Limited scholarships available upon application. If scholarship awarded, you may go ahead and set up a 10 month payment plan (entering the monthly amount indicated in the award e-mail). The form to be used can be found here.