

**The Merrimack Education Center Announces a Unique Online Partnership with
WGBH and Fitchburg State College**

***Online Professional Development Opportunity for
Elementary Teachers in Teaching Life Science***

The Merrimack Education Center in partnership with WGBH/Teachers' Domain and Fitchburg State College is offering a three-credit online graduate course, ***Science and the Living World***. This course is aimed at helping elementary teachers with the elementary life science curriculum Standards. This course will broaden science content knowledge, introduce new inquiry-based teaching strategies, and help you integrate more technology into your lessons. This course draws on the resources of WGBH/Teachers' Domain and includes downloadable short clips from public broadcasting programs such as *NOVA* and *ZOOM*. This is the first course in a series for teaching life science in the elementary school.

This course is online with the convenience of working at one's own pace and without travel. Three (3) graduate credits are available from Fitchburg State College. The course will also count as a content course for elementary Recertification purposes.

Title:	Science and the Living World
Course Number:	PDMT 6113
Instructor:	Dr. Christopher Cratsley, Fitchburg State College
Course Dates:	Summer 2008 – ONLINE (July 7 – August 15)
On-line Introductory Session:	(optional) Wednesday, June 25 – 5 pm 40 Linnell Circle, Billerica Limited enrollment
Graduate Credit:	Three (3) graduate credits, Fitchburg State College
Cost:	\$776 \$15 Blackboard user fee*
Technical Requirements:	Internet service E-mail Word processing software Shockwave and Flash (free download) Acrobat Reader (free download) Quick Time (free download)

* Students must register with the Merrimack Education Center no later than two weeks prior to the first class in order that access to Blackboard is established.

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