K-12 teachers and curriculum specialists who would like to gain knowledge and understanding of the AERO English/Language Arts Common Core Plus Framework are the primary audience for this institute. The AERO Framework is aligned with the Common Core Standards and has been professionally validated. Many overseas schools have successfully adopted or adapted the Framework. Teams of teachers and curriculum coordinators from participating schools will collaborate to understand the Framework in depth, see its relationship to the Common Core Standards, and gain knowledge of how to fully implement it in their schools. Leadership training will be embedded in the workshop for the purpose of developing plans to share and support the implementation once they return to their respective schools.

In addition, participants will be introduced to developing aligned assessments for the Framework. Institute participants are asked to bring with them samples of student work, rubrics associated with the student work, and an explanation of each task.

Workshop participants will:

- Review the AERO English English/Language Arts Framework: Common Core Plus
- Note the alignment of the AERO English Framework with the Common Core Standards
- Examine the vertical learning progressions in the Framework and how they differ at each grade level
- Examine assessments aligned with the ELA Framework performance indicators
- Plan with team members for work at respective schools for the next school year
- Review materials supporting the implementation of the AERO/Common Core Standards

Participants may choose to take this course for university credit from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Applications will be available in the spring. For course participants earning university credit, the cost is $390.00. (For participants who are not earning university credit, there is no charge for the workshop.)

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Therefore, registration will be accepted on a space-available basis. Interested schools are asked to commit to sending a team consisting of either: 1) a curriculum coordinator and at least one teacher, 2) or a team of 2-3 teachers.

Please send, email, or fax the completed registration form by March 3, 2017 to:

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