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### **Deal signed for Secondary Teaching to Proceed**

Geraldton Universities Centre has signed a legal agreement with CQUniversity which will see the Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching in the Secondary specialisation introduced at the Centre in 2016.

In July, GUC called for expressions of interest from people in the community with a university degree that would like to become secondary teachers.

"The response was even greater than we expected with some 17 people attending an information session run in September and now even more have come forward to express their interest," GUC Director Natalie Nelmes said.

"With such strong interest, we are really pleased that we are able to start taking applications for this program. It means GUC will be meeting the needs for our community right throughout the schooling system from early childhood to primary and now secondary teaching."

GUC Education Coordinator Jenny Kessell said the Graduate Diploma was a one year, very hands on program.

"Students will spend at least three days a week in a local school throughout most of the program which then culminates in a final six week internship," she said.

"We have had excellent support from all local secondary schools to take students on placement.

"Face to face support at GUC will also be a key component of the program as it is for all courses at the Centre. Graduate Diploma students will attend weekly tutorials as well as three intensive blocks of tuition throughout the year."

You must already have a Bachelor Degree to meet entry requirements to the Graduate Diploma. To find out more or how to apply, please call Tamara Haynes on 9920 4405.

Applications are also open for 2016 study in all programs supported at the Centre including Education, Accounting, Business, Engineering, Social Work, Psychological Science and Nursing. Applications for the STEPS Bridging program to gain university entrance close on October 31.

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