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## **ONLINE:** Assessment Strategies

*“These strategies have helped me design my assessments to align with common core standards.”*

– Alma P.

Assessments are not confined to year end tests and grades. They are meant to be a part of daily teaching and learning. Good assessments are powerful – they may be used to change the way teachers teach, students learn and sometimes even what is to be taught.

**Assessment Strategies** is an online course that will help teachers design an assessment process that will provide a reliable and valid evaluation of their students. The course also provides information on how the assessment process may be aligned to the Common Core standards. Strategies for assessing Reading and Math skills are explored in detail. Assessments may be seen as an opportunity for teacher professional development. From updating teaching strategies to modifying curriculum to tailoring instruction, assessments may be used to enable both teachers and students to stay on course to achieve their goals.



### **Standards:**

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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### **Course Outline**

#### **LESSON 1**

##### **Classroom Assessment Strategies**

- Exploring Common Core with a brief introduction.
- Providing information on Common Core Assessments as well as recent changes.
- Elaborating on different kinds of assessments including summative and formative assessments.

#### **LESSON 2**

##### **The Assessment Process**

- Defining and providing information on various assessment related terms including evaluation and validity; and concepts such as sound assessment design and effective communication.
- Explaining the assessment process including writing objectives and analyzing data.

#### **LESSON 3**

##### **Assessment and Evaluation Strategies**

- Detailing assessment strategies regarding Reading: including before and after reading strategies and related concepts.
- Analyzing in-depth the strategies relating to Mathematics: including higher order thinking, reflective prompts and self-questioning.

#### **LESSON 4**

##### **Assessment Challenges and Professional Development**

- Outlining the assessment phase of CCSS and providing information on the two assessment consortia PARCC and SBAC.
- Exploring the challenges of assessments as opportunities for professional development.
- Reiterating the integral part of assessments in education and providing information on available resources.