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ONLINE: Enhancing Instruction through Standards

“I appreciate all the resources included with this course.”

– Sharae F.

Explore practical ways to integrate the Common Core Standards into your classroom instruction to enhance student learning experiences. The Common Core State Standards have set high expectations for all students that by the time they complete high school, they would be prepared to be successful in college, career and life globally in the 21st century. This course provides an insight into the roles of teachers and students in the implementation and adoption of Common Core State Standards in Schools by integration of proven strategies like collaborative learning, differentiated instruction and technology.

This course provides teachers with a wealth of resources, ideas and techniques for the successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards to test the will and the skills of every school leader and teacher, with every student receiving every student receiving consistent, high-quality instruction in every classroom, school-wide every single day.

Although the focus of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy and Mathematics is primarily academic, they also set high expectations for student behavior, thus establishing that academic learning and behavior in the classroom are inter-related. Teachers are provided with instructional strategies to handle the different forms of negative behavior that surface in the classroom.

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: Introduction to Common Core

- Introduction to Common Core State Standards
- Content structure of State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics
- History of the Common Core Standards
- Reflection on the pros and cons of Common Core Standards
- The roles of teacher and student in the integration of Common Core Standards
- Integration of Differentiated Instruction, in response to student readiness
- Incorporation of the four models of Blending Learning
- Analysis of the educational shifts brought about by the adoption of State Standards

LESSON 2: School-wide Instructional Changes

- Requirements of the Common Core State Standards for students leaving High School
- Analysis of the literacy components such as Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and Language
- Making mathematics practical with the Collaboration of Standards of mathematics
- School wide steps to implement Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts
- Using extended school days, an extended school year, after-school tutoring and multi-tiered interventions to meet the rigors of Common Core
- Designing assignments aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- Effective use of technology for instructional purposes

LESSON 3: Classroom Instructional Strategies

- Classroom instructional strategies that help teachers meet the standards, based on Dr. Robert Marzano's Art and Science of Teaching Framework
- Examining techniques to help students interact successfully with new knowledge
- Approaches to hypothesis generation and testing
- Application of classroom understanding to real world problems
- Ways to establish and maintain effective relationships with students

LESSON 4: Common Core Behavior Management

- Role of teachers as behavior managers, to reinforce class-wide behavioral standards
- Understanding On-task and Off-task behaviors
- Application of Response to Intervention (RTI) model for student behavior management
- Classroom Management Plan that summarizes the important routines, procedures and consequences
- Ideas and techniques to make learning an ongoing, dynamic and enjoyable process