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# English Language Arts

## **Everyone Has a Story to Tell: Narratives in the Classroom** 5-12

Stories are how we connect as a culture. Inspire your students to be creative and expressive by teaching them to build rich personal narratives – while improving their reading, writing, comprehension, critical thinking, and analytical skills.

## **NEW** **Read Out! Buildings Students’ Literacy and Love of Reading Through Read Alouds** K-12

The Dept. of Education calls it the “most important activity” for success in reading. Develop strategies for text selection, structure, and engagement, and learn to create a robust classroom read-aloud program.

## **Teaching Research Writing in the Digital Age** 6-12

With an emphasis on workplace and college environments, learn how to guide students in developing ideas, gathering information, analyzing data, organizing materials, and crafting quality, well-reasoned reports – with deliberate techniques to fine-tune before presentation.

## **CCSS for English Language Arts: Connecting Theory & Practice (Grades K-5 or 6-12)** K-5, 6-12

Develop a thorough understanding of the CCSS for ELA, connecting the CCSS to classroom practice in reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening.

## **Why Argue? Teaching the Art of Oral and Written Argument** 5-12

Develop your students’ ability to argue relevant concerns with increasing complexity, elegance, and logic, making “because” a thing of the past.

## **NEW** **Writing Well or Good Writing? An Educator’s Guide to Teaching Grammar** Pre K-12

No more boring worksheets and tedious activities – this course introduces a new style of teaching grammar with fun and engaging methods to improve student writing through hands-on grammar instruction, amusing text, and enjoyable activities.

Registration:

# SEPT. 10 – NOV. 13

Summer Semester:

# SEPT. 17 – JAN. 11

# Physical Education/Health

## **NEW** Teaching Healthy Habits to Prevent Childhood Obesity Pre K-12

Overweight children endure long-term physical, psychological, and social problems, and it can be overwhelming to figure out how to address these issues in a classroom setting. Learn how to integrate healthy lifestyle choices into a curriculum to encourage healthy habits for students.

# Social Studies

## **Read Between the Lines: Developing a Critical Historical Mindset**

**CC** 5-12

At some point, every history teacher has been asked, "Why is this important to me?" Teach your students to build critical historical perspectives, contextualizing history in a way that allows them to draw real meaning from past events.

## **NEW** Teaching Western Civilization Part 1 K-12

## **NEW** Teaching Western Civilization Part 2 K-12

Events, people, and eras from the time of the Ancient Near East (4000 B.C.) civilizations through the age of the Renaissance (Part 1) *or late Renaissance Europe to the Digital Age (Part 2)*. Teach students how to determine the chronological evolution of Western Civilization and how today's world is shaped by either the earlier or later history of Western Civilization.

# STEM

## **NEW** Real-World Applications for Algebra 9-12

Provide a foundation in basic algebraic principles, including equations, functions, and mathematical models, with emphasis on application in the business world.

## **Teaching Computer Science in K-5** K-5

Overview of how to begin preparing students with the competencies necessary to meet society's evolving technology needs, starting with the basics of computational thinking and moving into beginning programming. Addresses reasons for teaching computer science in elementary school and provides resources for use in the classroom setting.

## **NEW** Teaching Computer Science in 6-12 6-12

Learn how to prepare students to meet the needs of our modern economy through an overview of computer science, a discussion of how it affects our society, and tools for bringing computer science skills into a variety of learning environments. Impart skills that students will use for a lifetime and also give them a head start in a highly valuable vocational field.

## E-Portfolio Tools for the Classroom K-12

Learning portfolios received a 21st-century upgrade in the form of e-portfolios, web-based compilations that demonstrate standards alignment and showcase proficiency. In this course, you'll create an e-portfolio strategy for your classroom to enhance students' learning experience.

## Effective Teaching and Learning with Scientific Inquiry (Grades 3-8) cc 3-8

Learn how to transform activities and experiments to inquiry-based investigations to engage students, improve their problem solving skills, and help them achieve long-term concept retention. This course presents a step-by-step approach for using scientific inquiry to transform your current classroom into an environment where students are supported and inspired to learn.

## **NEW** Integrating Common Core Literacy Standards Across Subjects (Grades 6-12) 6-12

Cultivate practical resources and best practices that will help you integrate literacy into your classroom to achieve these new standards, and seamlessly and effectively blend common core literacy standards into your subject area to set your students up for educational and career success.

## **NEW** Social Media Tools for Teaching and Learning K-12

Social media can help students become media literate and prepare them with collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills needed for future success in this technological age. Understand how to integrate social media applications into core curriculum, prepare students to participate safely, and support needs of diverse learners through social media platforms.

## Teaching Environmental Science K-12

Examine how to effectively facilitate learning of current environmental thought, economics, ethics, problems, and the related physical, chemical, and biological principles. Provides strategies to guide students in becoming critical consumers of information and strategies to foster development of evidence-based reasoning.



# FREE BOOKS & SHIPPING

Course price includes all materials, shipping and credits.

# Classroom Management

## Classroom Management Strategies for Student-Centered Instruction K-12

Shift your classroom to a student-centered approach that places them at the center of the learning experience. Learn how to work with your students to set up a classroom that supports exploration, motivates students, and authentically engages them in meaningful learning experiences, all while creating a prosocial learning environment that drives positive academic and social outcomes.

## ESL/ELL

### **NEW** Teaching Reading to English Language Learners K-12

English language learners' (ELLs) reading proficiencies can vary as widely as native English-speaking students. This course explores instructional practices, lesson structures, classroom conditions, and family engagement strategies so teachers can push students toward greater understanding and more meaningful engagement of text.

## Gifted & Talented

### **NEW** A Guide to Differentiated Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students K-12

Learn how to modify instruction, assignments, and assessments through thoughtful planning and a deeper understanding of the "big picture" of unit design with a focus on the gifted learner. Create a Differentiated Learning Plan that accounts for learning preferences, interests, and readiness, and includes flexible grouping practices, tiered assignments, and student choice of content, process, and product.

## Parent & Community Impact

### **NEW** Coaching Students Toward College K-12

Support students in their journey to college by cultivating a college-going culture at your school, and assemble resources that you can share with students on how to apply for admission and financial aid. Nurture students' desire and ability to apply to colleges that will set them up for success in their lives and careers.

### Using Data to Drive Continuous Improvement in Education 6-12

Examine the continuous improvement process and its connection to multifaceted success in the modern learning community. Learn how to collect, analyze, and act on quality data to inform the continuous improvement process. Identify how to develop an improvement initiative that fosters collaboration, responsibility, innovation, best teaching practices, and success.

# Social/Emotional Learning

## **NEW** Resiliency: Coping With Academic and Emotional Adversity K-5

Learn the key skills of resiliency and cultivate tools for guiding students toward a resilient mindset. You'll be able to teach your students emotional and social skills that will serve them well beyond your classroom.

## **Strategies for Addressing Student Anxiety** K-12

One in five students currently struggle with anxiety, affecting their ability to learn and disrupting health and sleep. This course will help you understand and recognize anxiety dysfunction and then develop classroom strategies to support students who suffer from it.

# Special Needs

## **NEW** Teaching Students with High-Functioning Autism Pre K-12

Provides an overview of the strengths, needs, and challenges of students with high-functioning autism. Develop a toolbox of resources and strategies to best meet students' needs, building communication skills, behavior management interventions, and academic strategies with the goal of helping the students transition between educational levels as well as into post-high school plans.

## **Teaching Students with Low-Functioning Autism** K-12

Provides an overview of the strengths, needs, and challenges of students with low-functioning autism. Develop a toolbox of resources and strategies to best meet students' needs, building communication skills, behavior management interventions, and academic strategies with the goal of helping the students transition between educational levels as well as into post-high school plans.

## **NEW** Understanding Dyslexia K-12

Introduces various conditions and neurological basis, providing strategies to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Develop differentiated instruction while channeling significant but often overlooked strengths.



# Teaching Strategies

## The Growth Mindset: Fostering Resilience and a Love of Learning

K-12

Mindset is a buzzword in today's educational landscape, but it often only addresses the student mindset, not the educator's. In this course, you'll explore your internalized beliefs about your own mindset towards learning and your students' abilities, and learn how to structure your classroom around a culture of perseverance and opportunity.

### **NEW** Project-Based Learning in the Elementary Classroom

K-5

### **NEW** Project-Based Learning in the Middle and High School Classroom

6-12

Plan and implement project-based learning, where students investigate a complex question over an extended period of time. Engage students in solving real-world problems while they gain critical thinking skills and learn to make connections across disciplines.

## Instructional Strategies for Diverse Student Populations

K-12

Explore the culturally diverse classroom with a focus on cultural competence and effective practices. Discover strategies for building community and differentiating instruction to create a learning environment in which all students can reach their potential.

## Better Teaching and Learning with Formative Assessment

CC

3-12

Formative assessment can be used in any subject or with any age group, making it a versatile tool for teachers as they implement the Common Core State Standards. Learn how to support and encourage special needs students, English language learners, and gifted/talented students by using frequent, short, and varied formative assessments.

## An Effective Guide for Integrating Debate in the Classroom

K-12

Learn how to incorporate effective debate into your classroom, ideal for promoting critical thinking and helping students develop a connection to content. Set SMART goals to guide your process, investigate how to help students form effective arguments, research debate stances, and participate in small-group and whole-class debates. Create a series of graphic organizers and scaffolding to help facilitate class participation.

## Grading for Mastery: Guiding Students Through the Learning Process

K-12

Learn to implement mastery grading, starting with an examination of the history of grading, and the various types of assessments and their purposes. Explore traditional and mastery grading as well as your own beliefs about grading and its purpose, and the separation of behaviors from academics.

“ I found the classes **relevant, interesting, applicable, and easy to navigate.** I immediately put some of the information into action in my classroom. It was such a great experience, and I am planning to take a couple more classes this year. ”

– *Concetta Smith, Teacher*

“Not only was the enrollment hassle free, but also the courses I took really broadened, updated, and refreshed my knowledge – not to mention the affordability of them. No doubt the best investment I could have made, they will pay for themselves within a year!”

– *Hector Hernandez, Teacher*

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– *Laura Forde, Social Studies Teacher*