

Advanced Best Practices



Advanced Practices Course

35 hours, K-12, Year long course

Advanced Practices is our 2nd course to Essential Elements of Instruction and is offered as a four-day course with follow up coaching. The content covered in this course includes the latest in neuroeducation on brain research, essential elements of instruction refresher topics, cooperative learning strategies, differentiated instruction, Christian worldview, and developing necessary executive functioning skills in the classroom & life. This course will challenge all teachers to take their classroom instruction to the next level!

Topics Covered:

- Kids Today
- Brain Research & the Classroom
- Executive Functioning Skills
- Cooperative Learning Engagement Tools
- Multiple Intelligences
- Differentiated Instruction Strategies
- Perseverance & Grit
- Developing Critical Thinking Skills

Cooperative Learning or Full-Day Refresher

6-12 hours, K-12

Have you used the same active participation techniques repeatedly? Are you ready to shake things up and bring novelty to your instruction? This workshop will provide you with easy, effective, and practical strategies to help your students be even more successful and motivated to deepen their own learning. Cooperative Learning helps students to build working relationships with others that transcends into lifelong learning skills. After this workshop, you will be able to implement Cooperative Learning structures into your classroom instruction immediately.

Developing a Critical Thinking Classroom

3-6 hours, K-12

In an ever-changing society, our job as educators is to prepare students to be future problem solvers. Educators need to be shifting paradigms from teaching information to student centered learning. This can only happen if students are a part of a critical thinking classroom community. We will discuss how to develop a community of critical thinkers, revisit Bloom's taxonomy, and higher order thinking skills.





Differentiated Instruction

6 hours, K-12

All classrooms have different learners. God created our students with different learning styles, interests, and readiness levels. This workshop is designed to help teachers identify each student's needs and vary learning pathways to the same target. Strategies for lesson planning, student support, time and workload, assessment, and tips for managing flexible grouping will be covered. Differentiated instruction allows students to move in and out of various groupings and builds a caring community for all learners.

Foundations of Faculty Culture

3 hours, Pre – 12

Showing up every day for your students as your best self is the expectation, but how realistic is it? It's time to learn together about the professional expectations on teachers and staff that work at schools. Time management strategies, professional conduct with colleagues and parents, self-discipline and care, growth mindset, and working with, not against, the spiritual gifts present in your team are all part of the teaching profession. The foundation we share here will set your team up to continue growing into a truly professional learning community that will inspire and motivate year after year.

Motivating Students from a Biblical Perspective

6 hours, PreK-12, ACSI Bible CEU

This course is for teachers in a Christian school who would like a fresh look into student motivation using biblical principles. We will discuss the goal of learning, modeling our teaching after the Master Teacher, Jesus, and how God designed students with an internal drive to learn. We will examine how to create a Christ-centered classroom community where students are motivated to learn. Teachers will identify practical classroom strategies that help students learn more effectively and tap into God-given motivation.

Preparing Learners for Tomorrow: Integrating the 4 C's into the Classroom

6 hours, K-12

To best prepare students for the future, the 21st Century classroom instructor integrates the four Cs into the learning environment by promoting critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. The integration of these four elements is essential for students to succeed in school and the workplace. Join us as we dive deep into the four C's by researching methods and strategies for developing each skill. Let us be advocates for our students and prepare them for tomorrow!

