

Virtual Professional Development



PD that actively engages teachers in their learning

We offer engaging virtual PD opportunities that address the real-world challenges of teachers with an emphasis on technology and inclusion.

Choose from one of our current virtual sessions, or [ask us](#) to create a custom session for your specific needs:

- Incorporating Indigenous Language Across the Curriculum
- Integrating Technology into your Physical and Virtual Classrooms
- Outdoor Learning: Connecting with the Land.

All of our Professional Development sessions feature:

- Engaging hands-on activities
- Ample time for discussion and sharing
- Effective use of technology
- Flexible schedule and duration (1, 1.5, or 3 hour sessions)
- Virtual or onsite delivery
- Ongoing coaching and support
- Tailored topics that suit your needs

Incorporating Indigenous Language Across the Curriculum

“Through language, people preserve their community’s history, customs and traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking, meaning and expression. They also use it to construct their future.” ([UNESCO, 2018](#)). In Canada, more than two thirds of the 70 Indigenous languages left are in danger of extinction. There is an important role schools can play in supporting the resurgence of Indigenous languages and the connections language enables students to make to their histories, identities, and communities.

In this virtual workshop, you will learn about different strategies and resources available for incorporating Indigenous languages into your classroom or school. We will review guidelines and best practices for respectfully incorporating Indigenous languages, and identify resources appropriate for different grades and subjects across the curriculum. Collaboratively we will share ideas and brainstorm additional strategies that could be used in your classroom or school.

By the end of the session, you will have a stronger understanding of the connection between Indigenous language revitalization and reconciliation, as well as next steps that you can take!

Learning Objectives

Primary

- Understand the benefits of integrating Indigenous languages across the curriculum
- Create a plan for integrating Indigenous languages into your classroom or school

Secondary

- Justify the decision to integrate Indigenous languages
- Identify ways to integrate Indigenous languages into specific grades and subjects
- Gather resources and outline a plan to integrate Indigenous languages into a lesson or unit

End Result

You will leave the PD session able to articulate the importance of integrating Indigenous languages into the grades/subjects you teach, and will have a plan and supporting resources to integrate an Indigenous language into a lesson or unit

Duration

This can be delivered as a 1-hour, 1.5-hour, or 3-hour session.

Integrating Technology into Physical and Virtual Classrooms

Becoming comfortable with online tools and applications and discovering new ones that meet your needs in the classroom has always been important for teachers. Now, with blended teaching models being more the norm, and the looming possibility of 100% online teaching as COVID-19 becomes more widespread again, having a good solid understanding of the online technological tools that are available to you is an urgent need.

In this hands-on virtual workshop, expect to learn about various online tools and applications through use and demonstration. You will explore tools that can be used in traditional, blended, and online settings and will experience how they work from a teacher's point of view as well as the students.

We will focus on strategies to help identify which tools will work for you and your students and when to use them. We will also talk about best practices when it comes to introducing a new tool to your students.

Learning Objectives

Primary Objective

- Help you feel more comfortable integrating technology in your physical classroom, and expanding the tools used during virtual classes

Secondary Objective

- Teach the basic functioning of a select few digital resources
- Help you feel more comfortable finding new technologies on your own

End Result

- you will have a body of knowledge with various digital technology-based activities available to you by the end of the session

Duration

This can be delivered as a 1-hour, 1.5-hour, or 3-hour session.

Outdoor Learning: Connecting with the Land

Getting students outside as much as possible and connecting with the land has a wide range of benefits for your students and for you as their teacher! There are many studies that show the powerful positive impact of spending time outside. These benefits range from improved concentration and memory, to enhanced curiosity and connection. This year in particular, being outside may mean fewer COVID-19 restrictions for your students.

Much of Indigenous knowledge is place-based, learning on the land, and from the land. While moving your classroom outdoors is not always easy, especially in the colder winter months, you will learn that being on the land doesn't have to involve a special fieldtrip far away from the school. It can be right in your school's backyard.

In this virtual workshop, you will explore the different ways of learning outdoors and learn how to set up your schoolyard to be an optimal learning environment. You will discover new uses for the rocks and tree-stumps in your schoolyard, and the stones in the leaves on the ground. We'll also look at how to use experiential concepts for engaging learners who might otherwise tune out in the classroom.

Learning Objectives

Primary Objectives

- Understand the many benefits of being and learning outside
- Help you feel more comfortable teaching your lessons outside and incorporating more experiential strategies and activities in your teaching

Secondary Objectives

- Address the barriers to moving the classroom outside and share strategies to overcome these barriers (weather concerns, student clothing, seating areas and shelter, etc.)
- Learn how to manage risks and procedures
- Guide you through an experiential learning adventure
- Provide strategies, activities, and resources to incorporate experiential learning into your outdoor classroom

End Result

You will have more confidence taking your classroom outside and have the strategies, activities, and resources available to you to conduct your class outside

Duration

This can be delivered as a 1-hour, 1.5-hour, or 3-hour session.

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Other Services we Offer:

- **Custom professional development training and coaching:** Delivery of in-person and remote sessions on a variety of different topics, including blended learning, teaching in a hybrid model, culturally responsive assessment, and more...
- **Custom content creation:** Development of custom educational resources for learners in all contexts.
- **Custom course development:** Development of customized learning courses. We can work with your existing materials or develop something with your team from scratch.
- **Course packs and distance learning kits:** Development of personalized digital or print-based course packs for independent, project-based learning.
- **Custom-branded web platform:** A proven, award-winning platform that can be branded to your organization. Supports cross-platform, web-based delivery of educational resources without requiring student accounts.



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