



### Course Overview

The purpose of this course is to help teachers understand Curriculum and Instruction in order to advance knowledge and the practice of teaching and learning.

A teacher must pull many pieces of a puzzle together to make a classroom an effective learning environment. Curriculum and Instruction are two pieces of that puzzle that must be fit together to help engage students and ensure that they learn. Curriculum is the “what”. It refers to the subject matter that teachers teach. Instruction is the “how”. It refers to the many different ways that a teacher helps instill knowledge into students. Ultimately, Curriculum and Instruction focuses on what students learn and the best way to teach them.

### Course Goals:

- Define and understand curriculum and how to use it to structure an effective lesson.
- Develop an understanding of the types of assessment and their role in the instructional process.
- Explore a variety of instructional strategies used to engage students and encourage learning.
- Creation of a workable lesson plan based on current curriculum and standards.

### ***Session 1 – Introduction***

- This session serves as an introduction to the course.

### ***Session 2 – Setting Your Learning Target***

- This session will explore curriculum and standards and will help teachers become familiar with the content they are required to teach.

### ***Session 3 – Planning for Assessment***

- This session focuses on different types of assessment and the importance of knowing what and how you are planning to assess at the beginning of your planning.

#### ***Session 4 – Developing the Learning Plan***

- This session goes over how to develop a learning plan and includes various instructional strategies.

#### ***Session 5 – Course Wrap Up***

- This session is a conclusion to the course.

Throughout the course, opportunities are provided for you to connect your learning across sessions and to explicitly consider the implications of your learning for your classroom practice. You will also be able to revisit your work and reflections by viewing your individual Course Portfolios.