



PARA 315 - Paraprofessionals: Formative Assessment

About the Course

After completing **Formative Assessment**, you will be able to identify the differences between formative and summative assessment, and understand the key components of formative assessment and how it impacts student learning. You will also be able to identify how teachers use formative assessment data to determine instructional adjustments and next steps, and determine formative assessment considerations for students with significant needs. In addition, you will be able to create and implement lesson plans with embedded formative assessment.

About the Series

This course is the third in a series of online courses for paraprofessionals offered by Public Consulting Group. Paraprofessionals are an important part of the 21st century classroom. As a paraprofessional, you can support quality classroom instruction, help maintain a positive learning environment for students, and provide added support for students who need special services. Whether you're just getting started as a paraprofessional, or you've been serving for many years, the courses in this series will give you practical, universal tips and strategies to be at your best in the classroom.

Course Outline

Introduction

- Welcome, Course Objectives, and Navigation
- Pre-Assessment
- Pre-Course Reflection: What is Formative Assessment?
- Key Terms

Section 1: Assessments Overview

- Section Overview
- Types of Assessments
 - Types and Purposes of Assessments
 - Short Share: Assessment
- Summative vs. Formative Assessment
 - Summative Assessment
 - Formative Assessment
 - Quick Check: Summative vs. Formative Assessment

Section 2: Formative Assessment Process

- Section Overview
- Learning Targets
 - The Formative Assessment Process
 - Step 1: Where am I going?
 - Learning Target Examples
 - Reflection: Sharing the Learning Target
- Evidence, Feedback, and Taking Action
 - Step 2: Where am I now?
 - Step 3: Where to next?

Section 3: Formative Assessment and Instruction

- Section Overview
- Formative Assessment Practices
 - Reflection: Experts in Formative Assessment
 - 7 Formative Assessment Practices
 - Formative Assessment Strategies
- Embedding Formative Assessment in Lessons
 - Lesson Planning Template
 - Planning Considerations Template
 - Extend Your Learning

Closing Activities

- Post-Course Reflection: What is Formative Assessment?
- Post-Assessment
- Course Evaluation
- Course Completion