



Course Overview

This course provides an Introduction to the National Core Arts Standards. Participants will gain insight into ways in which the National Core Arts Standards benefit arts learning for ALL students.

SEADAE (the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education) was a founding member of and facilitated the three year process that led to the 2014 release of the National Core Arts Standards. As more and more states have adopted or are considering adopting these standards as their state arts standards, SEADAE decided to create this course as an answer to the field's request for additional training on the overarching concepts and framework of these standards. This course will serve as a resource to you as you begin to explore all that the National Core Arts Standards have to offer you.

Session 0 – Introduction

- Introduction to the course

Session 1 – Background

- Obtain a brief historical perspective into the creation of the National Core Arts Standards
- Learn about the contributions and perspectives of partner organizations
- Experience comparisons between the 1994 National Arts Standards for Arts Education and the 2014 National Core Arts Standards

Session 2 - Framework and Objectives of the New Arts Standards

- Learn about the creation and role of "NCCAS" and envision the National Core Arts Standards from the "Conceptual Framework for Arts Learning" perspective
- Consider a definition of "Artistic Literacy" that is based on "Philosophical Foundations" and "Lifelong Goals"
- Incorporate the definition of "Artistic Literacy" as the foundation on which the National Core Arts Standards are built

- View a brief set of goals and objectives that the National Core Arts Standards set out to address

Session 3 - Unpacking the New Arts Standards

- Unpack the four components of the National Core Arts Standards: the Foundational Concepts, the Artistic Processes, the Anchor Standards, and the Performance Standards

Session 4 - The National Core Arts Standards Website

- Explore the National Core Arts Standards Website

Session 5 - Wrap Up

- Review the key takeaways of this course
- Receive your course completion certificate

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.