Join your colleagues in the online professional learning program offered through the support of the Illinois State Board of Education. Educators from Illinois will facilitate online workshops focused on classroom practice. Workshops will be completed online at your own pace over a four-to-seven week period (plus one week for orientation - 5 to 8 weeks total). Typical time commitment for these workshops is approximately 3 to 4 hours per week. All you need is access to an Internet-connected computer. Work with your colleagues in an enriched, online learning community guided by a trained, Illinois online facilitator. Depending on the length of the workshop, fifteenth to thirty-five Professional Development Hours will be available for participants who complete all workshop requirements.

Sign up today! This is a very low-cost professional learning opportunity. The cost to participate in each workshop is $50. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Our workshops have been designed by Illinois educators with years of experience in the subject area of the workshop. EdTech Leaders Online (ETLO), a division of Educational Development Center (EDC), worked with us initially in the development of our workshops, ensuring high quality professional learning experiences.

Registration is easy! To register for a workshop, please click on the link following the description of the workshop, or copy and paste the web address into your browser. The website will ask for your name, address, email and phone number. You will provide the fee when registering on the same website. Once registration is complete, you will receive an email confirming your enrollment in the workshop. The workshop facilitator will send a welcome email at the beginning of the workshop with directions for accessing the workshop online.

A minimum of twelve participants is required for each workshop. Enroll early as workshops fill up quickly. We will close enrollment after 20 participants register. You will be placed on a waiting list if you enroll after the workshop is closed. If a spot opens in the workshop, you will receive an email indicating that you may enroll at that time. If a workshop does not have the minimum registration, it will be canceled, and you will receive a full refund.

For additional information about onlineIMPACT, please go to the following website: http://education.illinoisstate.edu/casei/onlineimpact/.

If you have any questions about the workshops, please contact coordinator, Mary O’Brien at mmobria@ilstu.edu.
Engaging Students in the K - 8 Math Classroom

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020
Ends: June 9th 2020

**Description**

As we strive to have students career and college ready, math instruction is changing to support this goal. In this workshop we will touch on topics that are currently paving the way to shift from a traditional math classroom to one that builds number sense, fluency and allows for student discovery through inquiry-based learning. We will examine how to establish a safe environment that enables students to feel comfortable with problem solving. We will look at how to find the balance of rigor in our instruction. Materials that can be used to differentiate instruction in the math classroom will be presented.

**Professional Learning Hours:** 25 (additional 5 PDs available for completed applied project)
**Facilitator:** Cheryl Beasley
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://engage_students_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://engage_students_april_2020.eventbrite.com)

Implementing the Eight Mathematical Practices in the Elementary School Classroom

Workshop Begins: April 29th 2020
Ends: June 23rd 2020

**Description:**

One of the major changes Common Core Math Standards is a shift in math instruction to incorporate number sense and reasoning in the math classroom. This shift places emphasis on student thinking and problem solving. During the seven-week workshop, designed for professional educators including teachers and administrators, new strategies will be utilized in order to facilitate and create opportunities for students to persevere and reason through problem solving. Focus for the implementation of practices will be in the primary grades (K through 6).

**Professional Learning Hours:** 30
**Facilitator:** Michael Norris
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://implement_8_math_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://implement_8_math_april_2020.eventbrite.com)
**English/Language Arts**

**Informational Text Literacy in the Elementary Grades**

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020  
Ends: June 2nd 2020

**Description:**

In this workshop, participants will explore a variety of strategies to explicitly teach reading informational text to increase students’ comprehension, recognize text structures and identify strategies to teach students to use structures, and create a plan of literacy strategies to build students’ skills in comprehending informational text. Participants will develop a lesson or unit utilizing informational text to be implemented in their classroom.

Professional Learning Hours: 20  
Facilitator: Debra Honegger  
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://info_text_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://info_text_april_2020.eventbrite.com)

**Vocabulary Instruction in Elementary and Middle School**

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020  
Ends: May 19th 2020

**Description:**

In this workshop, participants will review the importance of vocabulary and vocabulary instruction. Participants will identify how to choose vocabulary words within lessons, strategies that may be used to teach vocabulary, how to teach word parts for understanding and effective ways to assess vocabulary knowledge of students. Participants will develop a lesson or unit utilizing vocabulary strategies to be implemented in their classroom.

Professional Learning Hours: 15  
Facilitator: Deb Hays  
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://vocab_instruct_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://vocab_instruct_april_2020.eventbrite.com)
Social Science

Illinois Civics Is Back

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020
Ends: May 19th 2020

**Description:**

This workshop will prepare participants to identify, analyze, and reflect upon both the new civics law and their current practices and offerings in their civics curriculum. Participants will also examine and assess best practices in civics using direct instruction, current, societal, and controversial issues, simulations of democratic processes and practices, and service learning. Additionally, the workshop will provide participants the opportunity to implement one of the best practices for civics education in their classroom.

Professional Learning Hours: 20
Facilitator: Mark Heffington
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://il_civics_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://il_civics_april_2020.eventbrite.com)

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Service Learning: From *Learning* Civics to *Action* Civics

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020
Ends: May 19th 2020

**Description:**

This workshop will prepare participants to identify, analyze, and reflect upon the new civics law and the requirement for service learning. They will also develop an understanding of service learning activities that will include students in civic participation, recognized as one of the best practices for civics education. Additionally, the workshop will provide participants the opportunity to implement service learning in their classroom. They will use the civics learning components of the Illinois School Code, specifically service learning, in conjunction with the Illinois Social Science Standards (ISSS) to examine resources and to implement this component of the new civics requirement.

Professional Learning Hours: 20
Facilitator: Jason Artman
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://service_learning_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://service_learning_april_2020.eventbrite.com)
Technology

Organization and Innovation with Google Forms

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020
Ends: May 26th 2020

Description:
In this workshop, participants will be exploring Google Form’s unique features that allow educators to collect, manipulate and display data for classroom purposes. Google forms can allow educators to save time in communication needs by managing family data and streamlining parent connections. Students can utilize forms for assessments, ELA, Digital Breakouts and many more interactive features. Participants will explore the various add-ons for Google FORMs/SHEETS and apply these to their classrooms.

Professional Learning Hours: 22
Facilitator: Lisa Ward
To register for this workshop, follow this link: https://org_innov_april_2020.eventbrite.com

Using Digital Assessment Tools in the Classroom

Workshop Begins: April 15th 2020
Ends: May 26th 2020

Description:
Participants of this workshop will have the opportunity to explore various assessment ideas and effective digital tools to enhance both formative and summative assessments. Additionally, participants will learn about and apply their knowledge of Dr. Ruben Puentedura’s SAMR Model of technology integration to enhance units of study and support mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards. Through use of weekly content, discussion boards, collaborative conversation, feedback, and support, participants will experience hands-on practice with digital tools to utilize the integration of technology for assessment in a classroom setting. As a culminating project, participants will develop a lesson or unit containing a digital assessment tool to be implemented in their classrooms.

Professional Learning Hours: 20
Facilitator: Carrie Kincaid
To register for this workshop, follow this link: https://using_digital_tools_april_2020.eventbrite.com
**Multidisciplinary**

**Designing a Multidisciplinary Unit of Study: PreK to Second Grade**

Workshop Begins: April 22nd 2020  
Ends: May 26th 2020

**Description:**

This workshop offers participants the opportunity to explore the stages of a multidisciplinary unit of study for grade levels Prekindergarten through 2nd through examining example units of study, watching children in action on videos, and engaging with thoughtful discussions. Participants will develop a unit of study that incorporates learning standards and objectives from multiple content areas based on the developmentally appropriate practices of exploration, inquiry, discovery, and hands-on learning. Participation in this workshop will also provide educators strategies for authentic assessment of students' current levels of understanding.

Professional Learning Hours: 15  
Facilitator: Debra Honegger  
To register for this workshop, follow this link: [https://design_multidis_april_2020.eventbrite.com](https://design_multidis_april_2020.eventbrite.com)

Here’s what past participants of onlineIMPACT professional learning workshops are saying!

“I liked that it provided me with immediately applicable content that I could use with my class, not just theory.”

“I was able to use the knowledge I gained from this workshop and apply it in my classroom. My students enjoyed the activities I had them do and I saw an increase in overall math grades.”

“This is something I needed more information on and am planning on integrating more technology in my classroom in the fall! ♥”

“I honestly feel that I have grown as a teacher because of this course and I will definitely recommend it to others. THANK YOU!”

“I appreciated the resources that were given to use in the future. The videos made it easier to understand how to implement this [close reading strategies].”

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The mission of the Center is to support educational initiatives and collaborate at all levels - classroom, administrative or agency level. The Center has a rich history of statewide projects with a variety of activities. We recognize the importance of tailoring the support provided to most effectively addressing individual needs to advance local efforts. onlineIMPACT is an effort to support the need for equitable access to quality online professional learning to enhance instruction.