

# PDPRO

ONLINE COURSES

SUMMER 2018

**EVERY PDPRO COURSE  
IS OPEN DURING  
EVERY SESSION THIS SUMMER!**

Session 1: June 4 - 22

Session 2: July 2 - 20

Session 3: July 30 - August 17

See the pages below for descriptions  
and course numbers.



Register using MIDAS, Utah's new professional learning web-  
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## BEYOND BULLIES

**Course # 40273**

*Audience: K-12  
Credit: 0.5*

This course will assist educators in creating and maintaining a positive learning environment for their students. Participants will create a bully plan to help students learn empathy for others, what to do if they are a victim of bullying and what to do if they witness bullying.

## CLASS MEETINGS

**Course # 41225**

*Audience: K-12  
Credit: 0.5*

Run class meetings like a pro! This course will assist educators in implementing effective class meeting procedures. By the end of this course participants will be able to discuss the benefits of class meetings and effectively implement these strategies into their classroom environment.

## COOPERATIVE LEARNING

**Course # 40040**

*Audience: K-12  
Credit: 0.5*

Years of research show that cooperative learning strategies lead to improved academics, behavior, attendance, self-confidence, and motivation. This course was specifically designed to explore the benefits of cooperative learning as a teaching strategy and demonstrate how these strategies can be implemented in the classroom. Learn powerful techniques for helping mixed-ability groups of students reach their highest potential!

## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING

**Course # 40872**

*Audience: K-12  
Credit: 0.5*

Culture is central to learning. It influences how and what we store in long-term memory, plays a role how we communicate, and shapes the thinking process of groups and individuals. Learn to identify the needs of your diverse students and use culturally responsive teaching methods in order to meet those needs.

## EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE PLANS

**Course # 41233**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Classroom management is key to establishing a safe, caring learning environment. This course teaches key aspects of a good classroom discipline plan. Participants will gain an understanding of creating and establishing rules, consequences, and rewards.

## FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT: HOW, WHEN, AND WHY

**Course # 39496**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

This course will assist teachers in developing effective formative assessments. Participants will gain an understanding of meaningful assessments by gaining a knowledge of what formative assessments are and when and how to use them appropriately. By the completion of this course, participants will have created a learning progression and identified a timeline for appropriate assessments throughout the learning progression.

## IN-DEPTH: QUESTIONS THAT PROMOTE DEEPER THINK-

**Course # 40008**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Well-designed questions lead learners down the path to deeper thinking. Learn how to construct powerful questions using the Depth of Knowledge framework and practical steps to build them into your lessons. By the end of this course, participants will have an understanding of a range of different question types and plans to use them in their upcoming units.

## LET'S GET ENGAGED

**Course # 39497**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Student engagement makes everything possible! This course was designed to assist teachers in delivering instruction that engages students in the learning process. By the end of this course, participants will be able to explain the benefits of engagement in promoting learning, create lessons and activities that engage all learners in the classrooms, and develop specific strategies to support disengaged students.

## LET'S GET ORGANIZED

**Course #40017**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Do you ever feel like there's not enough time in your classroom? This course focuses on discovering the "time robbers" in your day as well as making sure all the paper in your classroom is organized usefully. We'll make sure that those problem areas in your classroom that seem to stay unorganized will get the fresh look that they need.

## PARENTS AS PARTNERS

**Course #40027**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Parents are your strongest ally in helping students to succeed. Learn strategies that will support parents in reinforcing at home the skills and knowledge you teach at school! This course will assist educators in improving parent involvement in the educational process. Participants will gain an understanding of the benefits of parent involvement, along with strategies to help parents feel welcome in the school building.

## POLISHING CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

**Course # 40275**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

In this course we will examine the importance that procedures play in the classroom and the effect they have on student learning. Whether you are just beginning your teaching career or just needing creative new ways to spice up your procedures, this class is for you!

## PROJECT BASED LEARNING

**Course # 40037**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Get a head start on Blended Learning with this course on PBL (Project Based Learning). This class will guide you through each of the seven steps of the PBL process; by the end of the class you'll have a unit ready to implement in your classroom! Make PBL as easy as PB&J!

**New!**

## POWER UP! MORE STUDENTS ANSWERING MORE QUES-

**Course # 39498**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Do the same three students raise their hands every time you ask a question? You'll learn to make every question count with the strategies we model in this class. Every student deserves the chance to process and respond to the good questions you ask. Make it happen with this class!

## SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION

**Course # 41242**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

There are numerous benefits when small group instruction is implemented well. Students are given opportunities to discover commonalities, strengths and weakness, as well as ways to help each other. The teacher has more time to meet the needs of the most challenging students who may require greater teacher guidance while giving high achievers time to work independently at a pace that promotes active learning. Learn how to scaffold the process in your class so that all students have opportunities to work independently and successfully.

## SMOOTH TRANSITIONS

**Course # 40259**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

This course was designed to help teachers identify and implement methods for improving transitions in their classroom. Teachers will explore great ideas such as waiting games, clean-up procedures, and signaling techniques that will eliminate the chaos that can often result from ineffective transitioning from one activity to another. Get your classroom running like a well-oiled machine with Smooth Transitions!

## STUDENT SELF-ASSESSMENT

**Course # 41243**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

The most important assessment students take isn't the state test--it's self-assessment! Self-assessment can provide insight into students' true comprehension and can help to identify gaps in students' knowledge. Encouraging students to examine their own learning and levels of understanding can also be an important 'wake-up call', identifying areas that require improvement. You'll learn a number of self-assessment strategies in this course, and when to use them.

## SUPERCHARGE YOUR QUESTIONS WITH QAR

**Course # 40062**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Question-Answer-Relationship (QAR) is a powerful strategy that teaches students how to both ask and answer text-dependent questions. If your students read anything in your classes, you need to take this course!

## TEACHER, I'M DONE... NOW WHAT?

**Course # 40868**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Differentiation is one of the most essential skills of an effective teacher—and also one of the most challenging! This course will show you how to create and implement meaningful anchor activities to help enrich all students' learning.

## THINKING ABOUT THINKING

**Course # 40301**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

This course was designed to assist teachers in utilizing effective teaching strategies in correlation with how the human brain processes and stores information. You'll be able to explain how information is stored in long-term memory, the optimal times to teach to long-term memory storage, and multiple strategies to transfer learning into long-term memory.

## UNLOCKING THE POWER OF CLASSROOM DISCUS-

**Course # 40013**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Effective classroom discussions deepen understanding of content knowledge and help students develop problem-solving and communication skills. Learn how to take your discussions to the next level!

## WRITING AS A THINKING TOOL

**Course # 40257**

*Audience: K-12*

*Credit: 0.5*

Do you include writing in your classroom? Did you know that writing is one of the best ways to assess if a student is understanding a concept? Take this course on writing as a thinking tool for all content areas. See examples of writing in various subjects and learn how to incorporate priceless tools into your classroom.