PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR EDUCATORS

Academies and Workshops that Empower Independent Learning

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Turn Expectations into Reality with Professional Learning through Connection

To help fill the gaps in communication and collaboration often found in hybrid classrooms, many schools are adopting new technology and software at a very rapid rate. As a result, educators across the globe are struggling to balance their workloads while adopting new skillsets in ways that are not optimal. It's time to turn the tide.

As a Certified Microsoft Global Training Partner, Connection's Microsoft Educator courses and professional development services for Microsoft products give educators appropriate and meaningful tools to increase the effectiveness of both teaching and learning.

Reach out to one of our education experts for creative ways to empower learners.

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MICROSOFT EDUCATOR ACADEMIES

Bring Out the Best in Your Educators

Our academies are designed to be one-day events or a two-day immersive experience.

Minecraft: Education Edition Teacher Academy

In this workshop, you will discuss critical components and conversations needed to drive large-scale education transformation and technology deployment to ensure ultimate success for the vision of enabling effective use of technology by teachers and learners. Designed from vast experience of deployments globally, this workshop describes some of the most commonly faced challenges, considerations, and requirements, and uses real world experience to provide solutions and thought leadership. Participants will develop a roadmap and iteration of their own digital transformation plan.

Office 365 Teacher Academy

This academy is designed to give educators an understanding of how Office 365 can provide the right environment for better learning outcomes. With Office 365, educators will learn how to become more innovative with cloud-based tools, regardless of the device they use. It is aimed at educators for whom Office 365 is relatively new and who are looking to implement solutions to classroom problems right away. This training will explore Office 365 through hands-on activities that will introduce educators to OneDrive for Business, Office Online, Microsoft Teams, Forms, Sway, OneNote, and Class notebook, as well as provide a high-level overview of other tools that can enhance a classroom environment.

OneNote Teacher Academy

In this academy, teachers and students will develop the basic skills needed to use OneNote as a productivity tool for themselves and their students. Time will be devoted to assist a teacher in understanding how OneNote can be used as a true collaborative tool. Interactive lessons will be created using the tools in OneNote that will then immediately transfer to classroom practice. Finally, teachers will experience and discover how professional learning communities can be more productive when using OneNote to drive content delivery and creation.

At the end of the day, participants should leave feeling comfortable and knowledgeable in the basic skills necessary to be up and running successfully using OneNote in the classroom, and as a professional tool.

Transition to Microsoft 365 Teacher Academy

Many educators transition from one platform to another during their teaching careers—either by choice or because of decisions beyond their control. Changing workflows, habits, and features while designing quality lessons for learners creates additional work in an already difficult profession. This academy is designed to give educators an understanding of the basic features and tools needed to get started using Microsoft devices and programs with students. Terminology and features comparing Microsoft 365 to other platforms (Google and Apple) are mentioned throughout. Educators will learn how their prior skill set is applicable in a new environment, and how powerful Microsoft tools are for education. While not comprehensive, this workshop gives an overview of the most commonly confused areas of transition, as well as surfaces features unique to Microsoft.

At the end of the day, participants should leave feeling comfortable and knowledgeable in the basic skills necessary to be up and running successfully using Teams, Office, OneDrive, OneNote, Edge browser, and accessibility features like Immersive Reader.

GET CERTIFIED WORKSHOPS

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Microsoft Educator Academy

Participants will spend the day getting excited about the many tools Microsoft has to offer students and teachers. Teachers will reflect and create a customized toolkit of resources to increase engagement, efficiency, and develop modern skills for a global classroom/society.

Throughout the day participants will engage in a series of immersive learning activities that will build a strong understanding of how to use technology to improve instruction and meet the learning needs of their students.

Note: This is an introductory course intended to expose educators to Microsoft offerings for education. This is not a deep-dive instruction into any one tool. Additional trainings and resources will be provided throughout the day for educators who would like to learn more about the topics presented in today's training.

Microsoft Advanced Educator

Once awarded the Microsoft Educator badge, complete these two additional academies to be awarded the Microsoft Advanced Educator badge.

Microsoft Teams Academy

Microsoft Teams makes teaching and learning easier with all your content, apps, and tools always there, in one place —designed to help teachers and students get the most out each day. This training will help you master Teams and enable you to teach other educators

21st Century Learning Design Academy

The 21CLD curriculum describes six dimensions of 21st century learning: Collaboration; Skilled Communication; Knowledge Construction; Self-regulation; Real-world Problem-solving and Innovation; and Use of ICT for Learning, each of which represents an important skill for students to develop. The 21CLD Academy builds on the research methodology providing a collaborative, practice-based process to help educators transform how they design enriching, digital learning activities for their students. Participants will be exposed to a collection of rubrics, scenarios, and lesson examples, and can actively participate by coding anchor lessons and redesigning their learning activities according to 21CLD rubrics. Completion of this Academy will prepare educators to take the Microsoft Certified Educator (MCE) exam, if desired, which assesses whether educators understand how to apply technology tools in the six different content domains, not whether they are proficient in using specific technology tools.

LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS AND PLANNING

Ensure the success of digital transformation with Microsoft's Education Transformation Framework

Are you looking for more robust support for large scale projects? Let our Professional Development Specialists support your organization with regular cadence calls, customized content, and project development. As a partner, our experts can monitor your progress and development through regular communication and collaboration. This will create an opportunity to build a plan, review needs and desired outcomes, and review progression throughout the life of the chosen program. A recurring scheduled call can be established with your school/district team and all associated stakeholders.

Education Transformation Framework Workshop

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