

Formative Assessments to Heighten Engagement, Guide Instruction, and Improve Learning

Course Syllabus for K-12 Teachers



What You Will Learn

This 1-credit online course provides strategies for using formative assessments to quickly evaluate students' knowledge and thinking.

Teacher Comment

"As a classroom teacher it is easy to get bogged down in district mandates. This course reminded me about what is important and redirected me back to meaningful assessment and instruction."

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Number of Credits: 1 Credit

Course Overview

This course provides teachers fast and fun strategies to assess students' knowledge and thinking and to maximize engagement through usage of diverse learning modalities. Teachers build a repertoire of techniques through this course, beyond the KWL chart, to monitor and promote student learning.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Overview of formative assessment, including purposes, supporting research, and key characteristics for success

Unit 2: Formative assessment and classroom culture

Unit 3: Formative assessment and equity

Unit 4: Fast and fun formative assessment strategies

Unit 5: Technology tools to facilitate formative assessment

Unit 6: Aligning formative and summative assessments

Final: Portfolio of 8 "Best" Formative Assessment Strategies specific to one's students/academic setting

Description of Activities

For each module please expect the following activities:

- Read through the lesson/session contents (including articles) and watch videos
- Take a short quiz on the material presented
- Complete a written assignment with open-ended responses
- Post your written responses on a discussion forum for interaction with others