



Teacher PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Training for Secondary Educators | 2023–24

Instructor of Record: Heather Bender, Native Education Outreach Specialist, Buffalo Bill Center of the West

Delivery: Live Interactive Zoom Sessions, Wyoming Department of Education Canvas Course Shell

Audience: All Wyoming Educators

Length: 21 hours = 1.5 PTSB credit OR 1 Credit UW 5959; Broken into six 2-hour and 20-minute modules
Three 2-hour Lesson Labs; One 1-hour Final Project Session

Breakdown: Modules 1-3 are groundwork; Modules 4-7 are in depth; Lesson Labs are Maker Spaces/ R & D for Teachers

Cost: FREE to all Wyoming Educators

Registration: Email Heather Bender, heatherb@centerofthewest.org to enroll.

Resources: Access to Buffalo Bill Center of the West curated resource materials, access to Historians, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, Museum Curators, and Museum Educators.

Objectives: Course participants will be able to

- Collaborate with museum educators, curators, historians, and Indigenous knowledge keepers to develop instructional materials that addresses Wyoming Indian Education for All Standards
- Engage in culturally responsive pedagogical practices.
- Identify material cultural primary source materials and analyze how to incorporate them into inquiry-based lesson plans.
- Develop a professional learning community (PLC) for Indian Education for All instruction.
- Develop, implement, and assess lesson plans and other teaching materials for implementation of the Wyoming Indian Education for All Content Standards.

Output: Indian Education for All integrated Lesson/Unit plan with assessment tools

Modules: Tuesdays from 4 – 6:30 pm

10/24/23 | Module 1: Object-based Teaching and Inquiry Processes
Methodology and Material Culture Objects/Primary Sources
Inquiry methods and student engagement

11/7/23 | Module 2: Cultural Competencies
Methodology, Western Colonialism, and Unpacking Bias
Practical Application in the Classroom

11/21/23 | Lesson Lab 1: Idea Development and Research
Practical Research Strategies for Content Development
Content Standards Connections

12/5/23 | Module 3: Culturally Responsive Teaching
Methodology and Pedagogy
Practical Application

12/19/23 | Module 4: Knowledge of Local Native American Tribal Groups
Historical Overview
Contemporary Studies and Resources

1/9/24 | Lesson Lab 2: Pedagogy and Practice
Embedding Culturally Relevant Practice into Lesson Planning
Standards and Objectives

1/23/24 | Module 5: Sovereignty and Land Rights
History and Background
Contemporary Implications

2/6/24 | Module 6: Indigenous Science
Historical and Cultural Context
Environment and Ecology

2/20/24 | Lesson Lab 3: Evaluation and Revision
Evaluation Tools and Implementation
How to Revise and Assess Plans

2/27/24 | Module 7: Final Project Presentations

