



Teacher PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Sovereignty Content Intensive

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

Delivery: Live Interactive Zoom Sessions, Canvas Course Shell

Audience: All Wyoming Educators

Length: 7 hours = .5 Wyoming PTSB credit or 7 Montana OPI Renewal Units
Broken into Three, 2-hour and 20-minute modules over the course of one week.

Cost: \$25 registration fee. Participants will receive \$25 worth of resource materials upon completion of the course.

How to Enroll: Register here: <https://tickets.centerofthewest.org/Selection.aspx?item=387&sch=140327>

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

Objectives: Participants will be able to

- Collaborate with museum educators, curators, historians, and Indigenous knowledge keepers to identify content resources that addresses sovereignty and forms of tribal government.
- Engage in culturally responsive pedagogical practices.
- Analyze content resources and identify ways to incorporate them into inquiry-based lesson plans.
- Develop a professional learning community (PLC) for Indian Education for All instruction.

Output: Indian Education for All resources available for use in the classroom.

Topic: *Sovereignty and Tribal Government*

2/10/26, 4–6:30 PM: Cultural Competency
Treaties and Reservation Era

2/11/26, 4–6:30 PM: IRA and Non-IRA Tribal Governments
Intersections with Federal, State, and Local Governments

2/12/26, 4–6:30 PM: Court Cases and Tribal Law
Contemporary Issues

Questions: Contact Heather Bender, heatherb@centerofthewest.org.

