



Newsletter

Welcome Back – September 2021

The Edith Winthrop Teacher Center would like to welcome you back for the 2021-2022 school year. We hope you had some time to relax and recharge this summer while spending time with family, friends and things that bring you joy.

Although we have not yet completely beaten this virus, we cannot allow it to diminish our enthusiasm, excitement, and optimism for this new school year. Despite the challenges of this pandemic, we know your priorities will remain unchanged: to provide the best education in the safest environment possible, while attending to the emotional wellbeing and mental health of your students.

As we begin another school year during the pandemic, please know that we are here to support your professional development and social/emotional growth. The Teacher Center is pleased to offer you a wide variety of professional learning opportunities throughout the year, carefully designed to meet the unique needs of your district and our state initiatives. We are always looking for new and innovative opportunities to share with our consortium. Over the summer we updated our website and are eager for you to see the new changes including our new branding. Please visit our site at ewteachercenter.com to view our fall course offerings and free professional development opportunities. In late September, look out for our new Book Club opportunities that will be centered around diversity, equity and inclusion.

Please reach out should you have any questions or ideas for professional development. We wish you an amazing year!

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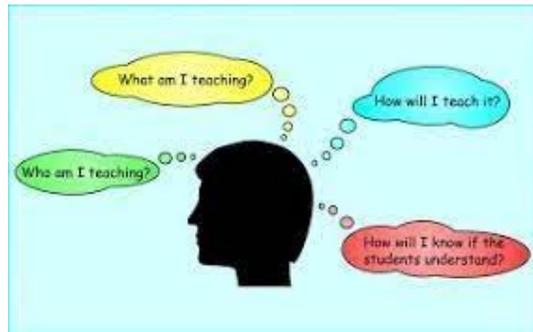
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Let's Get Started

Kick-off the school year with these videos and articles!



TEDx Talks to Kick Off the School Year



Instructional Planning After a Year of Uncertainty

EWTC Courses & Opportunities

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Lower Hudson Early Childhood Professional Learning Community \(PLC\)](#)

September 28, 2021-May 3, 2022

The year-long PLC will bring together PreK, Kindergarten, & Grade 1 educators and support staff to collaborate, build relationships, and prepare children to develop skills necessary for successful transitions in early childhood.

[Book Study: Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain](#)

Zoom sessions with Dr. Alexandria Connally- October 5 - November 16 from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm

This 15 hour book study will explore implicit bias, the effects of bias in the classroom and levels of culture

[2021 Children's Mental Health Conference](#)

Hosted by Lives in the Balances

Friday, October 8th - virtually from 8:45 pm-4:15 pm

Lives in the Balance is teaming up with the American Psychological Association (APA), the National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment (NIECP), the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), and the Alliance Against Seclusion and Restraint (AASR) to focus entirely on two bills that are pending in the US Congress: the Keeping All Students Safe Act (KASSA) -- which is focused on severely limiting the use of restraint and eliminating the use of seclusion in schools -- and the Protecting Our Students in Schools Act, which is focused on eradicating corporal punishment.

[Culture and Culturally Responsive Education](#)

October 14- Synchronous Session 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

What is Culture and what relevance does it play in schools aiming for Equity? In this 3 hour session practitioners will develop a common language around Culturally Responsive Education and begin the process of recognizing institutional and organizational structures in schools that perpetuate inequities.

[Social Emotional Learning & Culturally Responsive Education: How Are They Compatible?](#)

November 4- Synchronous Session 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

In this 3 hour session participants will examine how an equity lens is essential for understanding the social-emotional development of children, youth, and adults. SEL can promote educational equity by helping all young people reach their fullest potential.

[Improve Every Lesson Plan with Social Emotional Learning.\(SEL\)](#)

Based on the Book by Jeffrey Benson (not required reading)

November 1-November 22- This 3 hour course will help you get acquainted with the basics of SEL and how to build these strategies into all k-12 lessons without a separate curriculum. We will identify SEL skills into 3 separate categories (skills for self, interpersonal skills and skills as a community member) and identify ways in which all teachers can incorporate these skills in their classroom.

[Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education \(CRSE\) and the Brain](#)

Based on the works of Zaretta Hammond- November 6-Synchronous Session 9:00 am-12:00 pm

This 3-hour online workshop will focus on the features of Brain-Based Learning that are most closely aligned with Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education. Teachers will develop an understanding of the role that culture plays in instruction and how

to operationalize culturally responsive practices.

[Building Our Confidence with LGBTQ+ Terminology and Etiquette](#)

November 8- Synchronous Session 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Join Jeannie Gainsburg, the author of a new guidebook for being an ally to the LGBTQ+ communities. LGBTQ+ terms and identities are constantly evolving and it's difficult to keep up. Many people feel intimidated by all the changes and are silenced by the fear that they will accidentally say something offensive. This encouraging and fun workshop helps relieve this anxiety by offering participants increased confidence in their ability to have respectful interactions with and about LGBTQ+ students, coworkers, and parents.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION EXTENSIONS

[Pre-K Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

[5-6 & 7-8 Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

[10-12 Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

[ELA-Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

[Math-Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

[Biology- Special Education Certification Extension Course](#)

WTCL Courses & Opportunities

GRADUATE COURSES



*WTCL is now offering Online graduate Courses
in partnership with Manhattanville College.*

[Work Hard/Think Hard: Developing a Master Teacher Mindset](#)

In this online course, participants will develop their own use of the principles of effective teaching and develop a master teacher mindset through the examination of the best-selling text *Never Work Harder Than Your Students* by Robyn R Jackson.

[Discussions and Questioning to Build Deep Thinking](#)

In this online course, participants will explore how to facilitate classroom discussions through engaging conversations, the role of teachers as coaches during this process, and how best to provide a supportive classroom environment when integrating higher-order questioning techniques.

ONLINE IN-SERVICE COURSES

1. [DASA Dignity for All Students Act - Mandated 6 hour Certification Workshop, September 18 - September 25](#)
2. [Work Hard/Think Hard: Principles of Effective Teaching, September 30 - November 10](#)
3. [Creating Equitable Parent Involvement, October 4 - November 1](#)
4. [Tech Bytes: Digital Resources to Make Your Lessons Pop, October 4 - October 20](#)
5. [English as a New Language Strategies and Tools for Success, October 11 - November 22](#)
6. [Gender Identity: Myths, Truths and Equity, October 18 - November 15](#)
7. [Discussions and Questioning to Build Deep Thinking, October 21 - December 2](#)
8. [Hybrid Course: Effective Differentiated Strategies to Guide Comprehensive Independence Across Content Areas, January 10-February 18](#)
9. [Conferring with Confidence: The Heart of Effective Reading and Writing Instruction -January 10-February 18](#)

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