

# Microsoft Innovative Educator Program



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Design Course

### Overview

Educators should be designers of rich learning experiences. Creating learning activities requires careful thought about the skills you want learners to gain and the way in which they are presented. Educators should, as often as possible, scaffold 21st century skills within learning activities. This course, stemming from research conducted by the Stanford Research Institute, will give you a framework within which to assess your own learning activities with regards to student learning, advance your innovative teaching practices, and discuss them with others.

The course consists of a full-day or two, half-day in-person sessions where you will be introduced to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Design Methodology. The course begins with the first two learning dimensions, Knowledge Construction and Collaboration. Each dimension will be taught with a specific rubric and coding system that is aligned with that dimension. The dimension will be practiced by completing a short homework assignment and review using actual teacher lesson plans as the basis for our conversations. As part of the experience, participants will also be introduced to OneNote, the ultimate organization, note-taking, content creation and collaboration workspace for educators or students.

### Requirements:

- Attend face-to-face sessions
  - Launch: Week of July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Microsoft Office (One day or two half days)
  - Celebration: TBD in August
- Participate in five online facilitated sessions (approximately one hour each) and complete work prior to class
  - Work prior to class is approximately 30 minutes each
- Participate in the Partners in Learning Network
- Create and submit to [www.pil-network.com](http://www.pil-network.com) a new or enhanced lesson plan that includes one or more of the learning dimensions covered in this course
- Delivering a turn-key professional development session back at your school in the fall

### Benefits:

- Become a Microsoft Innovative Educator
- Certificate of Learning for 8 hours of professional development
- Join a global community of learners
- Invitation to a Celebration Event for all completers of the 21 CLD curriculum

This program will be limited to the first 125 most qualified participants to complete the [application at this link](#) with priority given to middle school candidates.

