



Future Ready: Educating for Career Exploration and Success

Course Syllabus

Course Description

Learners in this course will develop the skills to effectively guide K-12 students through career exploration, tailoring strategies to fit different developmental stages from elementary through high school. They will learn to integrate assessment tools, collaborative projects, and technology into career guidance programs, enhancing their ability to inspire students and prepare them for future educational and career opportunities.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in comprehensive, developmentally tailored career exploration methodologies; evidence-based career guidance frameworks; and practical, stage-specific strategies for integrating career awareness, exploration, and planning into the K-12 curriculum—empowering educators to effectively support students in making informed, future-ready decisions about their educational and professional pathways.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Participants will implement effective career exploration strategies tailored for students at the elementary, middle, high school, and college levels.
2. Participants will develop skills to integrate career exploration into school curricula, crafting age-appropriate activities and resources.
3. Participants will master the use of diverse assessment tools to identify students' interests and strengths and utilize various career exploration resources.
4. Participants will encourage collaboration with families, local businesses, and community organizations to support and enrich students' career exploration experiences.
5. Participants will enhance their professional development and leadership skills in educational career guidance, adopting innovative approaches and best practices.
6. Participants will utilize various assessment tools to evaluate students' career interests and strengths, applying this knowledge to guide students effectively in their career exploration journey.
7. Participants will foster collaborative networks with families, local businesses, and community organizations, enriching the career exploration experience through community engagement and support.
8. Participants will lead and innovate in career exploration and guidance, demonstrating personal professional growth and staying current with evolving career guidance practices.



Modules

- Module 1: Foundations of Career Exploration in Education, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Career Guidance in Elementary Education, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Developing Career Exploration Programs for Middle School, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Intensive Career Planning for High School Students, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Supporting College-bound Students in Career Choices, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Assessment Tools and Resources in Career Exploration, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Building Collaborative Networks for Career Exploration, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Professional Development and Leadership in Career Guidance, Quiz 8

Grading:

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.