



Fall 2015 CCRS Institute

Background

The College and Career Readiness Standards Institute (CCRS) is an ongoing professional learning opportunity for instructors focused on integration of standards into teaching and practices. In 2014-2015, 12 programs and over 60 individuals participated in the professional learning model that spanned two semesters. Participants were grouped into local professional learning communities to explore these standards through a combination of face-to-face workshops, project-based learning, online discussions, and instructional coaching. This year will include all of the essential elements from last year's CCRS Institute with the addition of advanced options.

Benefits to Teachers and Programs

Under WIOA, each state is required to identify a set of state-adopted standards for the adult learner. Colorado will officially adopt the College and Career Readiness Standards in the unified state plan. CDE and the Adult Basic Education-Training and Learning Center (ABE-TLC) are committed to providing equal opportunities for programs to engage with standards through the CCRS Institute. Through participation in the institute, participants will be able to:

- Identify the key shifts found within the CCRS
- Construct lesson plans that effectively integrate the CCRS
- Analyze existing resources and lesson plans for alignment to the CCRS
- Access resources, trainings, and tools developed under this initiative
- Earn 30 PD hours and eligibility for 2 graduate-level credits

Participants

In order to realize the full benefits of this professional development opportunity, participants should plan to attend all components of the Institute. This includes one face-to-face workshop, two webinars, online discussion board activities, and a project-based learning assignment. In CCRS 101, participants can choose to pursue an ELA or Math path based on their interest. For CCRS 201, participants will use two different tools to analyze a resource and lesson plan for their alignment to standards.

CCRS Institute Trainers

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Overview

CCRS 101

“Understanding the Standards”

Description

This course is intended for individuals who are new to the CCR standards. The key shifts of the standards will be explored. Participants will develop and teach a standards-aligned lesson by the end of the course. There will be various opportunities to give and receive feedback with peers.

Timeline

9/23- Online Class Starts
10/9- Denver Workshop
10/16- Cortez Workshop
11/6- Progress Webinar
12/4- Final Project Webinar

CCRS 201

“Advanced Tools”

Description

This course is intended for individuals who are comfortable with the standards and are seeking tools to align existing resources and lesson plans. The content of this course will include training on how to align resources and lesson plans to the CCRS. Participants will analyze an existing resource for standards alignment, identify supplementary materials, and thereby craft crucial elements that support their program's curriculum.

Timeline

10/15- Online Class Starts
10/30- Denver Workshop
11/20- Progress Webinar
12/4- Final Project Webinar