

WIDA Self-Paced Workshops

Frequently Asked Questions



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How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

District ELD Program and/or Assessment Coordinators will create a bulk upload with educators' names and email addresses. Once the bulk educator list is created, a user with District permissions will upload this list to WIDA Client Services Center (CSC). After WIDA CSC receives and processes the bulk upload, an automatic email will be sent to educators on the list inviting them to create an eLearning account through the WIDA Secure Portal. This account will give access to the eLearning self-paced workshops and other eLearning resources.

What is the deadline to send the bulk upload list to WIDA CSC?

This is a district decision. Teachers can access WIDA Self-Paced Workshops once the bulk upload list is sent and processed.

Should districts send the names of all staff members or just individuals who wish to participate?

This is a district decision. If someone receives an invitation from WIDA to create an account, they do not have to accept the invitation to participate.

Are virtual WIDA Workshops required?

No, participation is optional. Workshop participation will, however, help satisfy (some hours) related to the English Learner Professional Development requirement for licensure renewal.

Is there a cost to participate in these Workshops?

No, there is no cost to K-12 public school educators.

Where can I access the Workshops once I create an account?

The Workshops can be accessed by clicking the "WIDA eLearning Center" tile under Professional Learning after logging into your WIDA Secure Portal account.

WIDA Self-Paced Workshops

Available September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

For more detailed information,
visit [WIDA Self-Paced Workshops](#)

NEW: Newcomers: Promoting Success through Strengthening Practice – 3 hours*

- Designed for K-12 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

NEW: Exploring the WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions – 2 hours*

- Designed for PreK-3 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics – 4 hours*

- Designed for K-12 educators teaching math or support ELD in mathematics
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena – 3-4 hours*

- Designed for K-12 science and language educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

**WIDA estimations of time to complete. Actual hours will be indicated on Certificate of Completion.*

Does the invitation to create an account expire after a certain amount of time?

The invitation to create an account does not expire – as long as the educator has access to the email provided in the bulk upload list.

What if I already have a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Those who already have an assessment related account in WIDA.wisc.edu will receive an email that eLearning permission has been added to their account. An invitation to sign into the Secure Portal will be sent once the district uploads and WIDA CSC processes the bulk educator list. If the former test administration account is inactivated within three years, the account will be re-instated with the eLearning permission added. If the former test administrator account has not been logged into for more than three years, the account and history will have been removed; anticipate receiving an invitation to create a new account.

I started working in my district later in the school year. How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Educators that request access to the WIDA eLearning Center after the initial bulk upload list is provided should email their district assessment coordinator to request an eLearning account creation. Requests for an eLearning account with personal emails will not be honored.

I am not currently working in a district, but I want hours to maintain my license. Can I access these virtual Workshops?

WIDA Self-Paced Workshops are currently only available to Colorado K-12 public school educators.

Is there a limit to Workshop enrollment?

No, enrollment is unlimited.

Who can participate?

K-12 public school educators currently working in a Colorado school district can access and participate in the WIDA Workshops.

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Home Languages in the Classroom (ICMEE) – 20 hours*

- Designed for K-12 classroom educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

Making Language Visible in the Classroom – 1 hour*

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Reframing Education for Long Term English Learners - 1 hour*

- Designed for K-12 educators and administrators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & III

Social Studies: Engaging Multilingual Learners through Equity – 3-4 hours*

- Designed for K-12 educators teaching social studies or support ELD in social studies
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

The WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach – 4 hours*

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

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When should I complete Workshops?

New courses are offered each school year. Participants must complete SY22-24 Workshops by August 31, 2024.

Will I get a certificate after completing a virtual Workshop?

After educators complete a self-paced Workshop, they can print and/or download and save their Certificate of Completion. We encourage participants to download and/or forward certificates to their personal email as WIDA or CDE will **not** be able to reproduce certificates or confirm participation.

Will these Workshops count towards the new English Learner PD Requirement for relicensing?

Yes, the Workshops are aligned to the English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards, and the certificates you print after completing the eWorkshops can be submitted to CDE Licensing with your completed EL Professional Learning Standards Matrix and renewal application.

Who do I contact if there are technology issues?

WIDA CSC can assist with any technology issues or account access questions.

Contacts and Resources:

[WIDA Client Services \(CSC\) 1-866-276-7735](#)

(wida.wisc.edu/about/contact)

[WIDA Self-Paced eLearning](#)

(wida.wisc.edu/grow/us-based-pl/elearning)

[CLDE Office](#) at the CDE

(www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/contactus)

[CLDE Professional Development Opportunities](#)

(www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/professionaldevelopment)

[Educator Licensing Office](#) at the CDE

(www.cde.state.co.us/educatortalent/elpdeducators)

[English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards](#)

(www.cde.state.co.us/educatortalent/elpdpathways)

[English Learner Professional Learning Standards Matrix](#)

(www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/elproflicensurerenewalmatrix)