Professional Development
Course Syllabus

Course Number: EDAD 5163  (Sec. )  Sponsor ID:  187550
Course Title: ASCD: Differentiated Instruction: An Introduction

NOTE: Continuing Education courses are designed for professional development and do not normally count toward an academic degree.

1. Educational Goals for the Course: This course is designed to enhance understanding of how to better meet the needs of the many different learners in classrooms and schools. It provides opportunities to examine the characteristics of a differentiated classroom; how to frame instruction around concepts; and some techniques for differentiating content, process, and product. Participants will also have the opportunity to reflect on their own beliefs and practices relative to differentiation, and to read and analyze examples of differentiated learning activities.

2. Instructional Learning Objectives:
   Participants will:
   - Identify key characteristics and benefits of differentiated instruction.
   - Explore how using concepts plays a vital role in differentiating instruction.
   - Consider how to equalize opportunities for each learner.
   - Investigate and apply the three key ways to differentiate instruction.

3. Course Requirements:
   This course is available only to those who have registered with and purchased the course from ASCD (www.ascd.org, then select PD Online Courses)
   Participants will be required to:
   - Complete all lessons.
   - Submit a reflection paper, detailing what was learned and how the knowledge will be applied.
   - Submit reflection paper in a Word document attachment to:
     Barbara Rainey  -  BRaineyReader@aol.com
     c/o Northwest Nazarene University
     623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686
     800-349-6938 * fax 208-467-8426

4. Dates, Times and Location of Proposed Course:
   (1 Semester Credit Equals 15 Professor Contact Hours plus an additional 30 Hours Outside Work)
   TBD - Participants may have up to six months to complete course. Course completion date must be determined at time of registration.

5. Due Date for Completion of Course Requirements: Within six months of start date.


7. Evaluation Procedure: Pass/Fail