

Professional Development Course Syllabus

Course Number: EDAD 5831 (Sec.)

Sponsor ID: 187550

Course Title: **ASCD: Understanding by Design: An Introduction**

Two-step Registration Process: 1) Register and pay for course with ASCD (www.ascd.org) 2) Register for credit with NNU (www.nnu.edu/cereg)

Instructor: Barbara Rainey Continuing Education Credit(s): 1 Total Cost for Credit: \$80.00

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 offers a clear and accessible introduction to the Understanding by Design (UbD) program. Staff developers, in particular, can use it to introduce the framework to their district. Additionally, districts can use the course content to audit their existing curriculum management system using UbD principles and strategies. This course will also explain the learning theory underlying Understanding by Design and introduce educators to the three-circle curriculum audit.

2. **Instructional Learning Objectives:**
Participants will:
 - Explain the learning theory of Understanding by Design.
 - Become familiar with the three-circle curriculum audit.
 - Describe the three stages of the Understanding by Design backward design process.

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:**
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c/o Northwest Nazarene University
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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.

6. **Learning Resources and Required Text:** ASCD Professional Development Online course, ***Understanding by Design: An Introduction***.

7. **Evaluation Procedure:** Pass/Fail