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March Moodle Training Courses

We are offering six FREE online Moodle training courses in March. We offer Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points for each course.

Basic Moodle for Teachers (10 PGP Points)

A basic introduction to the Moodle LMS. You will learn how to build a classroom course and populate it with files, assignments, and quizzes.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

Intermediate Moodle for Teachers (10 PGP Points)

A continuation from the Basic Moodle for Teachers course. Choose this course if you already have Moodle experience and would like to learn how to use some of the more advanced features like wikis, databases, lessons, and RSS feeds.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

Advanced Moodle for Teachers (10 PGP Points)

A continuation from the Intermediate Moodle for Teachers course. This course will take the Intermediate level course a step further as participants learn advanced grade book features, groups and groupings, conditional activities, and the workshop activity module.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

Crash Course on Quiz Question Types for Moodle (8 PGP Points)

This course focuses on learning how to create and use the various Moodle quiz question types.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

January Moodle Training Courses

Crash Course on Gradebook & Grading for Moodle (8 PGP Points)

This course focuses on learning how to use the Moodle grade book. Teachers will learn how to add, edit, and update grade items in addition to advanced grade book topics.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

Crash Course Activities and Resources for Moodle (8 PGP Points)

This course focuses on learning how to use the Moodle activities and resources to develop quality lessons for students on the online Moodle platform. Teachers will learn how to grade assignments and other activities more efficiently and provide feedback to students in a secure online environment.

Dates: Ongoing - Register any time!

If you would like to register for a course, please log in to the [PRISM website](#) and click the 'Event Registration' link in the Main Menu on the left. Use the drop-down menu to select the appropriate course. You will see a complete description of the course. To sign up, scroll down, enter your information, and click the 'Submit Registration' button.

[Contact us](#) if you have any questions.



The Indiana Department of Education has partnered with Indiana University High School to make available high school turnkey courses for Indiana teachers to implement. These are full courses, aligned to Indiana standards, that can be adopted, adapted, or adjusted by Hoosier teachers to meet the needs of students in their own courses. The courses can be implemented both synchronously and asynchronously, in a variety of models. Teachers can edit courses and add their own resources to supplement them as necessary in providing resources to their students.

The PRISM staff has put each of these courses into Moodle courses. The Moodle courses are available to all teachers. Teachers can request to be added as a participant to each course to preview resources and activities. Teachers can download Moodle backup versions of a course and restore on another Moodle server if needed. The PRISM team can also provide a teacher with his/her own version of each of the courses on PRISM's Moodle server. These courses can be found [here](#).

Resources for Teachers



ASSISTments was developed in 2003 by husband-and-wife team, Neil and Cristina Heffernan, who began their careers as middle school math teachers. It was then that they identified a need for more effective student feedback and data-driven insights to inform classroom instruction. The Heffernans were early believers in educational technology that works with teachers and students. The ASSISTments platform is offered completely free of charge. By providing feedback assistance to students and assessment data to teachers, ASSISTments has been able to have a tremendous impact on student learning and performance. Teachers can create assignments using an extensive library of open education curricula, textbooks and custom problem sets in math.

For more information: <https://new.assistments.org/content>



OER Commons has open educational resources for K-12 educators in all content areas and grade levels. Tremendous resources are available for online and remote learning curricula. OER digital librarians have curated collections of kindergarten through high school resources and full courses. Teachers looking for resources that students can complete at home, or for dynamic content to truly engage students in course content, this hub, organized by grade level, subject, and provider is a great resource. Teachers can create and share resources within groups on OER Commons. OER Professional Learning programs support instructors and curriculum specialists in gaining the necessary skills required to find, adapt, and evaluate high quality open education materials.

For more information: <https://www.oercommons.org/>

Resources for Teachers

Seesaw

Seesaw for Schools is a digital app-based platform that allows students, teachers, and parents or guardians to complete and share classroom work. The work can be shared between students, teachers, and parents. Students build portfolios of their work that grows over time through their academic career from year-to-year. Seesaw for Schools allows students to work on a tablets, notebooks, or smartphones to create content that is saved online within a personal profile. This can then be accessed by the teacher, via app or browser, to assess work from any location. Teachers can setup class blogs, allow peer-to-peer feedback, and enable likes, commenting, and editing of work submitted. Seesaw for Schools is a premium subscription option for individual schools and districts. Seesaw, another good learning platform from the same organization for teachers, is free. It is also a very good platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate using Seesaw. Students “show what they know” using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and web links.

For more information: <https://web.seesaw.me/seesaw-for-schools>

QUIZZZ

Quizizz is a learning platform that allows a teacher to conduct student-paced formative assessments and effectively measure how well a class is doing academically. Assessments can be fun and engaging for students. Can be created for students in all content areas and grade levels. Teachers from all over the country have created great quizzes / assessments on Quizizz and share these as public quizzes. Teachers can customize quizzes to their own needs and adjust things like a level of competition, time on

each question, shuffling of questions, and memes embedded in questions. Quizizz is a great tool for adaptive learning and remote learning.

For more information: <https://quizizz.com/>

DeltaMath

DeltaMath is an online resource that allows students to practice a wide variety of math problems. Problems are available for courses ranging from middle school math through Calculus and Computer Science. Teachers can create assignments for students to complete. Students get immediate feedback on all problems that they complete on DeltaMath. Solutions to problems are provided in “easy-to-understand” form and students tend to improve performance as they progress through

problems. Teachers can track student progress and assess skills easily. Online graphing and statistics calculators are available for student and teacher use. DeltaMath is a great resource for math teachers for online learning, hybrid learning, in-class learning and as a supplement to their classroom instruction.

For more information: <https://www.deltamath.com/>

Professional Development Opportunities

STEM Teach Indiana



Graduate and undergraduate classes, workshops and conference scholarships are available at NO COST to Indiana teachers through the STEM Teach Indiana Program.

The primary concentration of funds will be for high school teachers needing graduate level courses in STEM discipline areas to meet the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requirement for teaching dual-credit courses by 2023. Graduate courses in content areas such as biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, psychology, and technology may be available. Tuition and textbooks/materials for the professional development are also included.

The three additional areas of STEM Teach for this fourth iteration are:

- Online STEM Workshops offered by local colleges and universities to boost STEM instruction in the classroom for elementary, middle and high school teachers.
- Graduate and undergraduate courses offered through colleges and universities to assist teachers with enhancing STEM instruction and/or adding a STEM content area to their existing teaching licenses.
- Scholarships for teachers to attend STEM-based statewide conferences or raffles for STEM project classroom kits.

Courses will be offered for a minimum of six semesters to include Spring 2020, Summer I 2020, Summer II 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer I 2021 and possibly Summer II 2021 if funding allows. Courses may be offered in an online or hybrid approach. Since teachers from all regions of Indiana are eligible to apply, an online course format for graduate level courses is often the method of course delivery preferred by teachers due to their various locations, time zones and school schedules.

To be eligible for STEM Teach IV, teachers must be currently teaching in an Indiana school. All applicants are required to submit a letter of verification from a school administrator.

Before you apply to STEM Teach IV, view an informational document [here](#).

Application window for teachers NEW to STEM Teach open February 8 – March 19, 2021.

Summer 2021 Course Registration Dates:

- Priority registration for dual credit teachers open March 12 – April 2, 2021
- Registration for all K-12 teachers open March 15 – April 2, 2021

For more information: <https://stemteachindiana.org/>



Engaging. Reinvigorating. Empowering.

PLTW Core Training immerses teachers in a hands-on, collaborative learning environment that challenges them to look at their classrooms in a new way. Teachers take on the role of a student, engage in in-depth exploration of PLTW coursework, and gain invaluable experience to take back to their classrooms.

PLTW Core Training helps teachers build skills and confidence around activity-, project-, and problem-based (APB) learning; prepares educators to become facilitators and coaches; and empowers them to bring learning to life through their PLTW program.

For more information: <https://www.pltw.org/our-programs/professional-development>

What PRISM Can Do For You!

- Easily find the perfect teaching and learning resources from our library of over 5,000.
- Store your classroom materials online so that they are available to you from any computer.
- Select from free learning resources that emphasize visualization, rich context, staged-problem solving, and electronically enabled collaboration / communication.
- Save a list of your favorite resources for quick retrieval.
- Reach your students more effectively by using web media for the digital age.
- Augment your own dynamic presence in the classroom with teaching tools that mirror the skills needed for success in higher education and the 21st Century workplace.
- Create and share lesson plans that teach your subjects utilizing your favorite resources.
- Earn PGP points by completing PRISM led online Moodle course – either Beginning Moodle or Intermediate Moodle courses are available to you at no cost several times throughout the year.

Through our strong support from the [Lilly Endowment](#) and others, we are constantly growing and improving. Check our site regularly to see what new resources you can use in your classroom.

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