

The Path of PD Evaluation

This online course is designed for teachers, administrators, and other adult education staff who are responsible for developing professional development at the local or state level. It is appropriate for both novices and those with more experience in the field.

Participants who participate fully in the course will be able to:

- State the difference between evaluation and assessment
- Describe how evaluation fits into the “big picture” of professional development
- Understand the value of needs assessment and its relationship to evaluation
- Write clear goals and objectives for professional development activities/events
- Describe the five basic levels of pd evaluation
- Choose appropriate methods for collecting data
- Construct an evaluation framework that is practical and realistic for their current work situation

The course will be conducted over 6 weeks, as follows:

- ~ First Week: Welcome and Overview
- ~ Second Week: Introduction to Evaluation
- ~ Third Week: Designing PD
- ~ Fourth Week: Planning for Evaluation
- ~ Fifth Week: Planning for Evaluation
- ~ Sixth Week: Completion of project / Course Review

Course activities:

The course will utilize text, a discussion board, and online readings, and an individual pd project of the participant’s choice. There will also be additional resources included for those wishing to pursue further in-depth study of the topic. The Facilitator and a Tech Partner will be available online to provide one-on-one support as needed.