



The Research
Driven Solution
to Raise the
Quality and
Intensity of
High School
Core Courses

QualityCore Professional Development

Develop a Sustainable Culture of College and Career Readiness in Your School

QualityCore® offers an aligned and cohesive professional development system designed to help teachers, counselors, and school leaders facilitate high student achievement. Sessions are tailored to introduce content-specific instructional practices and assessments, as well as strategies for building and sustaining student engagement that cross all content areas. An emphasis is placed on ensuring that teachers build the capacity to help all of their students learn. QualityCore professional development includes in-depth sessions on the topics listed below.

Topics Include:

- Defining rigor and relevance
- Understanding depth of knowledge and cognitive demand
- Analyzing ACT Course Standards
- Exploring the Educator's Toolbox
- Developing high-quality assignments
- Using constructed-response items to increase course rigor
- Getting acquainted with the model instructional units
- Creating a course syllabus
- Using QualityCore Educator Resources in instruction
- Examining student work for rigor
- Incorporating QualityCore into a lesson
- Scaffolding assessments to match instruction
- Revising lessons for rigor and relevance
- Identifying next steps and preparing for the End-of-Course assessment

QualityCore Professional Development in Action



The level of training in the QualityCore professional development far surpassed anything that the teachers had ever experienced. What the teachers really enjoyed about the professional development was that it met them at the level they teach.

Jocelyn Lyons
Former Principal
Spencer County High School
Taylorsville, KY

The QualityCore professional development changed my philosophy about my purpose and what I'm supposed to be doing in the classroom. It helped me find ways to teach a higher level of thinking through the model units.



Kim Cook
Teacher
Spencer County High School
Taylorsville, Kentucky

Five-Day Professional Development

The five-day professional development offers an in-depth look at the QualityCore online materials and how to utilize them in conjunction with existing curriculum and classroom materials. The five-day model focuses on helping educators structure their courses and classrooms in ways that encourage high academic achievement. The professional development helps teachers understand and maximize the academic readiness and academic behaviors of their students. The five-day model also ensures teachers utilize assessment data, including the analysis of student work, to adapt and differentiate instruction to meet students' needs.

Features:

- An event includes one three-day session in the summer, a single-day session in the fall, and a single-day session in the spring.
- Facilitated within the client's district and offered at the building or district level.
- Multiple districts/schools can be in attendance at the same event.
- Each 5-day event includes only 1 domain (English, mathematics, science, or social studies).
- Materials include a Participant Handbook and a course-specific binder, additional model unit CDs (when available), and the Educator's Toolbox.
- Delivered face to face by ACT trainers.
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