

## January 2014 Monthly Resource:



This month, our “mailing” includes Common Core State Standards Instructional Practice Guides, iTunes U Courses, a toolkit for evaluating alignment of instructional and assessment materials to the CCSS, widely applicable prerequisites and a list of free professional development opportunities.

### **I. Common Core State Standards Instructional Practice Guides**

<http://www.achievethecore.org/page/434/ccss-instructional-practice-guides>

These tools provide specific guidance for what the CCSS for ELA/Literacy and Mathematics look like in daily planning and practice. They are designed as developmental tools for teachers and those who support teachers. The Daily Guides can be used for teacher self-reflection, peer-to-peer observation and feedback, and instructional coaching. The Over the Course of the Year Guides can be used to facilitate planning and review of practice over a semester or year. There are CCSS Instructional Practice Guides for:

- ELA/Literacy
  - K-2, 3-5, 6-12
  - 6-12 Literacy in History/Social Studies
  - 6-12 Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects
- Mathematics
  - K-8
  - High School

### **II. iTunes U Courses**

<http://achievethecore.org/dashboard/408/search/3/1/0/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/page/432/itunes-u-courses-created-by-teachers-for-teachers>

The iTunes U courses were developed by a group of classroom teachers to explain the shifts in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics required by the Common Core. Presented in partnership with The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), they showcase a combination of materials from the Achieve the Core website as well as additional curated resources and interactive activities. These courses were designed to provide a robust self-

learning opportunity for individual teachers and to offer high-quality, credible materials that can be used to support professional learning communities in schools.

#### iTunes U ELA/Literacy Courses

CCSS for Teachers: ELA/Literacy Shifts (K-2)

CCSS for Teachers: ELA/Literacy Shifts (3-5)

CCSS for Teachers: ELA/Literacy Shifts (6-8)

CCSS for Teachers: ELA/Literacy Shifts (9-12)

#### *iTunes U Math Courses*

CCSS for Teachers: Math Shifts (K-5)

CCSS for Teachers: Math Shifts (6-8)

CCSS for Teachers: Math Shifts (9-12)

### **III. The Toolkit for Evaluating Alignment of Instructional and Assessment Materials to the CCSS**

<http://www.achievethecore.org/page/285/toolkit-content-list-page>

This toolkit provides a complete set of tools to aid in the design and procurement of CCSS aligned instructional materials, including assessments. Having Common Core-aligned materials in place is a critical part of implementing the standards, supporting teacher effectiveness and enhancing student achievement. These tools were developed in partnership with Achieve and The Council of Chief State School Officers.

The toolkit includes the following:

- Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool
- EQUiP Quality Review Rubric
- Assessment Evaluation Tool
- Assessment Passage and Item Quality Criteria Checklist
- Additional Resources for Evaluating Alignment of Instructional Materials
- Appendix: Publisher's Criteria for the Common Core State Standards.

#### **IV. Widely Applicable Prerequisites**

<http://www.achievethecore.org/page/701/widely-applicable-prerequisites-for-college-and-careers>

This table, found in the High School Publisher's Criteria for Mathematics, lists content from the CCSS shown by research to be prerequisite to and applicable for a range of post-secondary work. This document can be used as guidance to inform instructional decisions regarding time and other resources.

#### **V. Professional Development**

Below are some examples of the free professional development opportunities that will be offered by the NJ DOE in the coming months. Click on <http://education.state.nj.us/events/all/> to view the complete list.

##### **Early Childhood PD:**

- Kindergarten Seminar  
Research-based Kindergarten Best Practices for K Teachers & Administrators  
Date: January 17, 2014  
Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm
- Powerful Interactions: Using Intentional Teaching in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom  
Date/s: January 16, 2014  
February 27, 2014  
Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm  
LRC Central-Trenton, NJ 08625

##### **ELA PD:**

- Core Matters: Understanding and Utilizing Text Complexity  
Date/s: January 15, 2014  
Time: 8:30am to 2:30pm  
Gloucester County Community College
- Core Matters: Understanding and Utilizing Text Complexity  
Date/s: January 21, 2014  
Time: 8:30am to 2:30pm  
Middlesex County Community College