



Join New Orleans' most passionate educators in a hands-on summer training—and take your instruction to the next level.

THE OPPORTUNITY. This summer, dynamic New Orleans teachers have a unique opportunity to dive deep into the Louisiana Student Standards with support and mentorship from some of the nation's most accomplished educators. At the *Good to Great Institute*, teachers will engage with content-specific training in small groups of peers in the same subject and grade. With personal feedback from Common Core Classroom Innovators, participants will practice the advanced skills demanded by the Common Core like building students' conceptual understanding and critical thinking, and supporting students at all levels of performance to access rigorous, grade level content. For teachers committed to professional growth, it's a chance to hone their craft and build a community of like-minded educators. To learn more watch the video [here](#).

THE CONTENT. The coursework was designed with input from New Orleans teachers to be relevant to New Orleans teachers. Our math and literacy (which includes Science and Social Studies!) institutes focus on a few key teaching skills that address what teachers identified as the common challenges in each subject area. Literacy teachers will focus on teaching with text sets to provide students access to complex texts. We will focus on implementing three key lesson structures; **Juicy Sentences, Fluency and Close Reading.** Math teachers design and facilitate task-based math lessons that build students' conceptual understanding and persistence with challenging problems. Prioritized lesson structures in math include **Number Talks, Core Lessons (Eureka)** and **Math Tasks.** Both groups of teachers will learn new strategies for responding to student data to differentiate instruction for small groups and individuals.

THE SCHEDULE. The schedule is designed to provide ample time to practice new skills while staying as streamlined as possible to accommodate teachers' summer schedule. Participants can plan to invest roughly 15 hours in preparation throughout the spring, and 3 weeks during the summer. The 2019 Literacy and Math Institutes will take place during June. Trainings will follow a similar schedule:

Summer Professional Development (First Week): Study the Louisiana Student Standards, shifts, and instructional practices guided by Classroom Innovators and content experts.

Summer School Training: Teach lessons with a small team of co-teachers in a summer school classroom and get opportunities for immediate feedback and revision with your peers. Adapt the lessons and participate in professional learning communities to develop materials for use at your school.

THE TRAINING. Classroom Innovators, who will lead and mentor participating teachers, are experienced teachers – from New Orleans and around the country – who are accomplished in their classroom and experts in their subjects. Classroom Innovators will share best practices from their own classrooms, model new skills, and guide teachers through active practice with helpful feedback.

Our training is centered on actual classroom practice. During the spring, teachers take a deep dive into new content from Classroom Innovators and content experts, then work with their peers to practice and refine their new skills in preparation for teaching a group of students, getting multiple "at bats" before stepping into a summer school classroom. During the two-week summer experience, while co-teaching summer school, they continue to practice, reflect and refine their teaching through daily work with their classroom collaborative of 3-4 teachers, using video, practice, and student work to make adjustments to their teaching, while also receiving feedback from their participating school leaders. With the co-teaching model, there is inherent flexibility for peer observations across grade levels as well. Ultimately, teachers develop an authentic professional learning community within and across their grade level.

General Schedule

Below is the schedule you can expect for the Institute. These dates are subject to change and are dependent on the final summer school schedule. The final schedule will be shared with you prior to the start of the institute.

**The summer school schedule includes morning and lunch duty, which will be shared on a rotating basis.

Institute	Training Dates	Approximate Times
Richland Training Dates		
Summer Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00-4:00
Summer School Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 8-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30-5:00

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