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Teaching the ESL Learner

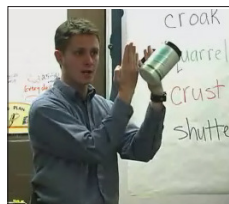
A powerful online professional development program for ALL teachers



Module 1: Unsheltered/Sheltered Language

35 minutes of video
42 minutes - completion time

This program starts by providing eye-opening statistics on the huge increase in second language learners now entering our schools. A panel of ESL experts explores how schools have attempted to meet the challenge of integrating ESL students into regular classrooms. The panel then provides an overview of the "sheltering strategies" advocated in this program, while emphasizing that these techniques can also be used in classrooms without ESL learners. The second section of this module features a brief teacher workshop where examples of sheltering strategies are demonstrated.



Module 2: Methods of Sheltered English

30 minutes of video
42 minutes - completion time

This comprehensive look at sheltering strategies starts with a lively panel discussion on the various stages of language acquisition. Gain an understanding of the differences between survival/social language and language necessary for classroom comprehension. Learn why a student's proficiency in their native language will accelerate acquisition of English - and what you can do to motivate and involve English language learners in your classroom. Hear why sheltering reduces stress and keeps students on task.



Module 3: Extralinguistic Cues

17 minutes of video
24 minutes - completion time

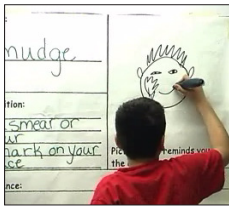
Designed for ALL classroom teachers, this module provides you with a comprehensive understanding of the extralinguistic cues needed to overcome the challenges of communicating with ESL students. Watch real classroom examples of teachers using facial expressions, gestures and body language to enhance comprehension. Learn how hand movements can be used to increase understanding, and which visual aids, props and real objects are the most effective cues. Hear why math may be the easiest subject for English language learners.



Module 4: Linguistic Modifications

25 minutes of video
35 minutes - completion time

Combining real-life classroom examples with pertinent commentary, this module takes the mystery out of modifying your speaking pace to accommodate ESL learners. Become skilled at using frequent pauses and gauging the proper wait time. Determine the right amount of repetition - and when to paraphrase for ESL students. Hear how to simplify your directions - while not "dumbing down" the content. Watch as master teachers powerfully "restate" concepts using different synonyms that register with ESL students. Listen as experts teach you how to move your monolingual students out of the "silent period."



Module 5: Comprehension Checks

30 minutes of video
42 minutes - completion time

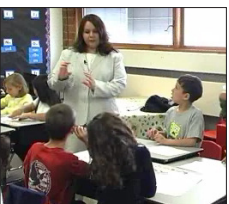
Comprehension checks become critically important when ESL students are part of your classroom. Learn why comprehension checks can be both physical and verbal - then watch as real teachers use these checks in the classroom. Become skilled at using comprehension checks that do NOT single out, or embarrass individual students. Learn why asking ESL students "Do you understand" usually does not work - and why encouraging young students to draw a picture might be the best way to access comprehension. Examine the factors successful teachers use to determine how frequently to use comprehension checks.



Module 7: Focused Instruction & Planning

45 minutes of video
63 minutes - completion time

This module will help you become skilled at creating lessons that simultaneously develop academic English and competence across the curriculum. Learn how to develop lessons where student fluency does not impede the acquisition of content knowledge. Listen in as experts suggest the lesson time that should be devoted to establishing vocabulary. Learn how to determine when ESL students need differentiated assessments. Gain an understanding of why ESL students perceive themselves as "lower status" - and what you can do to change it. The last section of the module transforms theory into action as you watch a teacher and instructional coach conduct an actual planning conference for a sheltered middle school science class.



Module 9: Putting It All Together

50 minutes of video
70 minutes completion time

Watch as a master teacher uses all of the strategies and techniques discussed in this program in an actual classroom lesson. Then listen as a successful school administrator explains how she increased student achievement by promoting ESL instruction and encouraging teachers to step out of their comfort zone. The final section of this module provides you with a step-by-step process to design effective lesson plans for ESL students. It also includes multiple handouts, samples and templates that can be used by any teacher. A panel of experts also recommends excellent resources to compliment this online program.



Module 6: Cooperative Learning

42 minutes of video
59 minutes - completion time

Creating group learning activities that include both ESL and non-ESL students can be a complex challenge. Examine why ESL students learn best when cooperative learning includes reading, writing and physical activity. Hear why it is critical that ESL students be assigned a specific role in any group activity. Watch as real teachers create learning activities that encourage students to "try out" new language with peers. Recent studies show that when ESL students "talk to Americans" their intellectual curiosity increases. Observe real ESL students engaging in integrated cooperative learning that promotes positive interdependence and individual accountability.



Module 8: Strategies to Develop Thinking

23 minutes of video
32 minutes - completion time

It can be difficult to move ESL students from memorization and recall learning, to lessons that are cognitively challenging. This module explores ways teachers can increase student motivation and higher order thinking skills by connecting lessons to something an ESL student already knows. Watch as master teachers use "Think Alouds" to encourage critical thinking. Examine the graphic organizers that are best suited for English language learners. Learn why establishing "predictability" encourages ESL students to take initiative and explore new concepts. Hear why many experts believe that translation is an umbilical cord that will discourage critical thinking, and harm ESL students in the long run.



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