

OFFICE OF
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SPRING 2026 ONLINE



PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CATALOG

Registration for these Canvas Courses
is open from January 12-19, 2026



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REGISTRATION



Go to the [MDE Trumba Calendar](#) between January 12-19, 2026, and complete a registration form for each course. You will receive a confirmation email from the Office of Professional Development.

Note: It is recommended that participants take no more than 2 courses per semester due to workload.



A course invitation from MDE Instructure will be sent to you via email 1-2 business days prior to the course's beginning. Inside the email, click Get Started. Upon signing in, you will see your courses listed on the dashboard.



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CEU/SEMI/OSL Information



When appropriate, online courses aligned to Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) offer SEMIs and/or OSLs through participants' local Regional Education Service Agency (RESA). These are free of charge with a successful course completion.

While our online courses are free to take, there is a \$15 processing fee for CEUs.

1 CEU = 10 Hours

1 OSL = 12 Hours

5 SEMIs = 6.25 Hours



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CEU/SEMI/OSL Information

FAQ

When will I receive CEUs for completing the course?

Within two weeks after the course ends, participants who completed all course requirements will receive an email from the course facilitator. The email will include a Certificate of Completion for the course as well as detailed instructions on how to use the Certificate of Completion to apply for CEUs through his/her local RESA. Participants must apply for CEUs within the specified period following the course's end.

How will I receive my CEUs?

CEUs will not be physically mailed to participants. Participants will receive an email stating that the CEU certificate is ready and will log in to their MS RESA Services account to download the certificate digitally.

CEU/SEMI/OSL Information

FAQ

If I complete all course requirements before the end of the course, may I receive my Certificate of Completion early?

While many courses are self-paced and offer participants the opportunity to complete requirements prior to the course's official end date, Certificates of Completion will not be awarded early. Participants who complete all course requirements by the course's end on March 31, 2025, will receive a Certificate of Completion via email by April 14, 2026.



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Time Expectations

Each course varies in the amount of time needed to complete all components successfully. As you browse the catalog, use the icons below as a reference for the approximate number of minutes required to complete a course module.

Note: Icons indicate how much time participants can expect to take to complete all assignments within each module, including task implementation and screen time.



Approximately 90 minutes per module



Approximately 120 minutes per module



Approximately 180+ minutes per module



Course Technology Levels



The green icon denotes courses that were developed using basic Canvas features only. These courses include tasks such as watching videos, downloading files, uploading assignments, and posting to discussion boards.



The yellow icon denotes courses that were developed using basic Canvas features as well as up to 2 additional technological tools, such as Padlet or Flipgrid, to engage learners.



The red icon denotes courses that were developed using basic Canvas features as well as a variety of additional technological tools, such as Padlet, Flipgrid, Google Suite, and Zoom, to engage learners.



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Professional Growth System

Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Professional Growth System (PGS) Summary

Domain I: Lesson Design

Standard 1: Lessons are aligned to standards and represent a coherent sequence of learning.

I

Standard 2: Lessons have high levels of learning for all students.

Domain II: Student Understanding

Standard 3: The teacher assists students in taking responsibility for learning and monitors student learning.

II

Standard 4: The teacher provides multiple ways for students to make meaning of content.

Domain III: Culture and Learning Environment

Standard 5: The teacher manages a learning-focused classroom community.

III

Standard 6: The teacher manages classroom space, time, and resources (including technology when appropriate) effectively for student learning.

Standard 7: The teacher creates and maintains a classroom of respect for all students.

Domain IV: Professional Responsibilities

Standard 8: The teacher engages in professional learning.

IV

Standard 9: The teacher establishes and maintains effective communication with families/guardians.

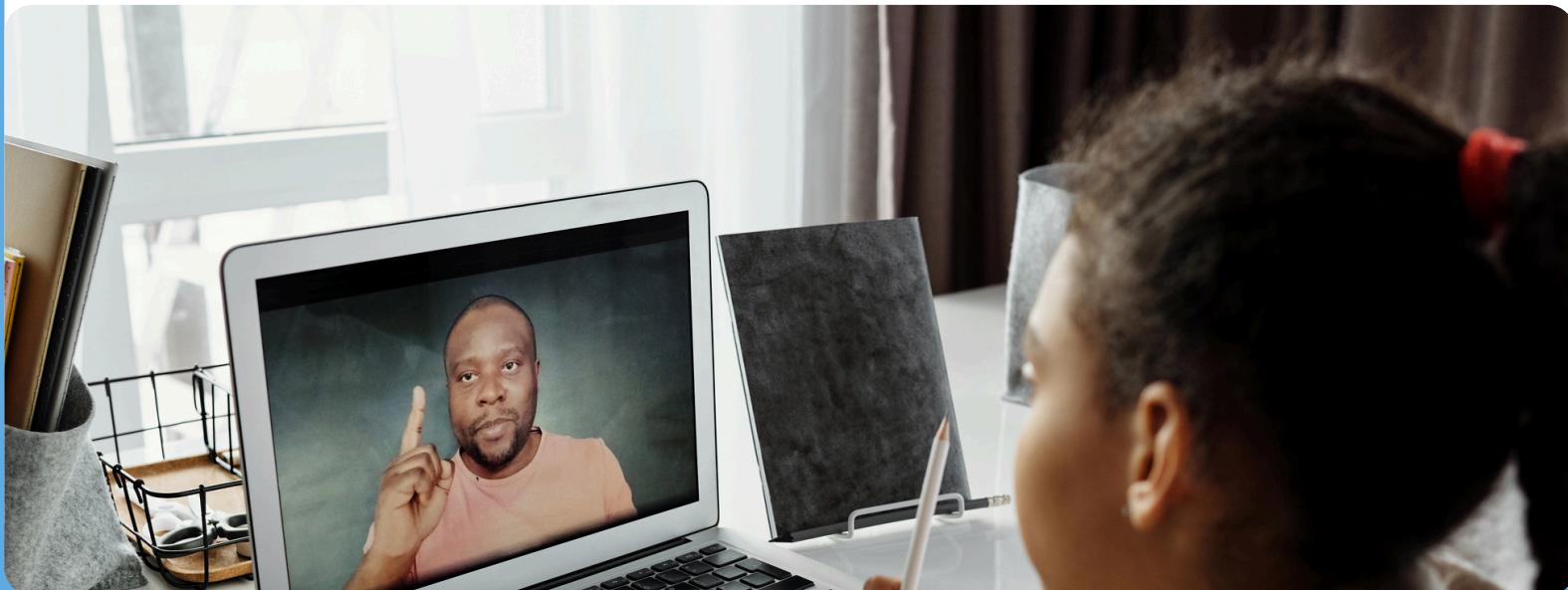


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Course Listing

Title	Subject Area	Descriptive Icons
<u>Bridging the Gap: Education and Poverty in Mississippi</u>	Cross-Curricular	  IV
<u>Building Brain Power for All Learners</u>	Cross-Curricular	  II
<u>Exploring IDEA: Understanding the 13 Disability Categories</u>	Cross-Curricular	  IV
<u>Journey through IDEA: A Practical Guide for Educators</u>	Cross-Curricular	  I
<u>The PLAAFP</u>	Special Education	  IV
<u>Teaching with Intention: ADHD Strategies for Classroom Success</u>	Cross-Curricular	  III



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Course Descriptions



Moderate
Technology Level



8 Modules
≈180+ Minutes/Module



PGS Domain IV

Bridging the Gap: Education and Poverty in Mississippi

Grade Band: K-12

Participants: GenEd Teachers, SpEd Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Administrators

CEUs|SEMI|OSLs: 2.5 | 20 | 2

This course is designed for educators dedicated to enhancing their understanding and effectiveness in teaching students from low-income families.

Participants will engage in evidence-based practices that address the unique challenges faced by these students, including social, emotional, and academic barriers.



Moderate
Technology Level



8 Modules
≈180+ Minutes/Module



PGS Domain II

Building Brain Power for All Learners

Grade Band: K-12

Participants: GenEd Teachers, SpEd Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Interventionists, Counselors

CEUs: 2.5

This session is ideal for educators working with students aged 3-21. It is designed for those who want to better understand executive functioning and its impact on the classroom. Participants will learn strategies to enhance the learning environment by gaining a deeper understanding of how students learn. By applying proactive approaches to behavior management and classroom organization, educators can also promote student independence. Ultimately, these efforts will help nurture lifelong learners who not only make academic progress but develop a passion for learning.

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Course Descriptions



Exploring IDEA: Understanding the 13 Disability Categories

Grade Band: K-12

Participants: GenEd Teachers, SpEd Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Administrators, Interventionists, Counselors

CEUs: 2.5



Basic Technology Level



8 Modules
≈180+ Minutes/Module

IV

PGS Domain IV

This session provides educators with a comprehensive overview of the 13 disability categories, characteristics of the individual disability categories, and eligibility criteria under IDEA.



Journey Through IDEA: A Practical Guide for Educators

Grade Band: K-12

Participants: GenEd Teachers, SpEd Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Interventionists, Counselors, Administrators

CEUs|SEMI|OSLs: 2.0 | 15 | 1

This course is designed to provide educators in Mississippi with a foundational understanding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Participants will gain insights into the legal framework, eligibility criteria, IEP development, student rights, and best practices for supporting students with disabilities. Through engaging activities, discussions, and practical applications, this course aims to equip educators with the knowledge and skills to better serve students with disabilities in compliance with IDEA.



Advanced Technology Level



8 Modules
≈180+ Minutes/Module

I

PGS Domain I

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Course Descriptions



The PLAAFP

Grade Band: K-12

Participants: Special Educators, Paraprofessionals, Related Service Providers, General Educators, Counselors

CEUs|SEMIs|OSLs: 2.0 | 15 | 1



Basic
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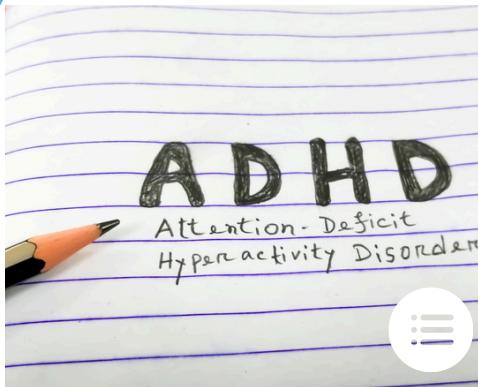


8 Modules
≈150+ Minutes/Module



PGS Domain IV

In this course, participants will study an important component of the IEP - the Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP). Participants will learn how to develop a comprehensive PLAAFP not only compliant with the law, but one that communicates very clearly the student's strengths and needs, helping educators and parents to design and implement an appropriate educational program.



Basic
Technology Level



7 Modules
≈180+ Minutes/Module



PGS Domain III

Teaching with Intention: ADHD Strategies for Classroom Success

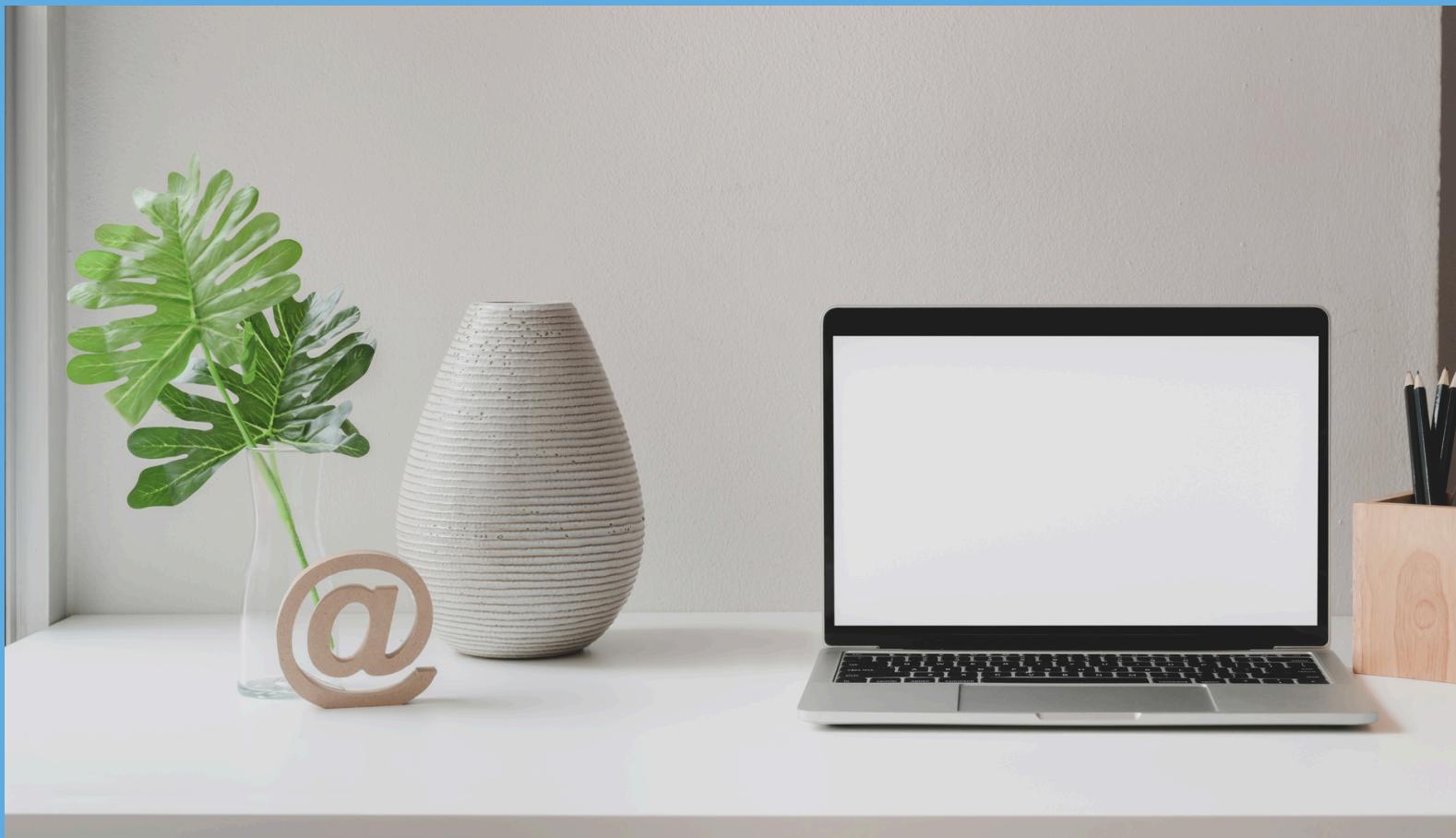
Grade Band: K-12

Participants: GenEd Teachers, SpEd Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Interventionists, Counselors, Administrators

CEUs: 2.5

For this CANVAS course, participants will have the opportunity to understand, analyze, and practice strategies to support students with ADHD in the classroom.

Contact Information



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