

Training Course on Future of Assessment: Beyond Traditional Grading

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Educational Leadership and Management	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the limitations of traditional grading systems in modern education
2. Explore competency-based education and mastery learning approaches
3. Evaluate the role of formative and summative assessments in student progress
4. Incorporate real-time feedback and digital assessment tools
5. Apply artificial intelligence in adaptive assessment models
6. Design inclusive and equitable assessment practices
7. Create student-driven portfolios for personalized learning paths
8. Analyze the impact of gamification and simulations on assessment
9. Use learning analytics to inform instruction and assessment
10. Align assessment strategies with future job skills and industry demands
11. Develop school-wide assessment policies for progressive learning
12. Integrate peer assessment and self-evaluation to enhance student voice
13. Assess the effectiveness of innovative grading alternatives through data

Target Audiences

1. K–12 Educators
2. Higher Education Faculty
3. Curriculum Developers
4. School Administrators
5. Instructional Designers
6. Policy Makers in Education
7. Educational Technology Providers
8. Learning and Development Professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Rethinking Traditional Grading Systems

- Challenges of percentage and letter grading
- Psychological effects on student motivation
- Cultural bias and grading disparities
- The call for holistic evaluation
- Introduction to standards-based grading
- **Case Study:** Finland's move toward non-numerical assessments

Module 2: Competency-Based Education (CBE)

- Principles of mastery learning
- Designing learning outcomes around skills
- Flexible pacing for learners
- Student-centered performance indicators
- Role of micro-credentials in CBE
- **Case Study:** New Hampshire's state-wide CBE adoption

Module 3: Digital Assessment Tools

- Platforms for automated formative feedback
- Leveraging EdTech to track student growth
- Interactive tools (Kahoot, Socrative, Edpuzzle)
- Integration of assessment in LMS (Canvas, Moodle)
- Ensuring data privacy and security
- **Case Study:** Use of Classkick for real-time formative feedback

Module 4: Gamification and Simulation-Based Assessment

- Benefits of gamified assessment environments
- Building motivation through challenge and reward
- Examples of educational simulation tools
- Embedding critical thinking in game mechanics
- Aligning games with learning objectives
- **Case Study:** Quest to Learn School in New York

Module 5: AI and Learning Analytics

- Using AI for adaptive testing
- Predictive analytics in education
- Natural language processing for essay grading
- Ethical concerns in AI-led assessments
- Visual dashboards for data interpretation
- **Case Study:** DreamBox Learning's AI-driven math platform

Module 6: Inclusive and Equitable Assessment

- Addressing racial and cultural biases
- Assessing neurodiverse learners
- UDL (Universal Design for Learning) in assessments
- Grading for equity principles
- Voice and choice in student assessments
- **Case Study:** Oakland Unified's equitable grading reform

Module 7: Portfolios and Project-Based Learning

- Developing digital and physical student portfolios
- Longitudinal assessment and reflection
- Rubrics and authenticity in project evaluation
- Showcasing creativity and interdisciplinary learning
- Empowering students through ownership
- **Case Study:** High Tech High's project-based assessment approach

Module 8: Feedback-Driven Learning

- Effective feedback techniques (timely, specific, actionable)
- Peer and self-assessment strategies
- Feedback loops to refine instruction
- Building trust through feedback
- Technology tools for managing feedback
- **Case Study:** Austin's Butterfly – A classroom feedback transformation

Training Methodology

- Interactive webinars and expert-led sessions

- Hands-on experience with assessment design tools
- Collaborative breakout group activities and peer critiques
- Case-based learning with global education examples
- Reflection journals and portfolio development
- Access to digital resource library and ongoing community forum

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training CenterANCY LD account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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