



ONLINE: Common Core Raising Academic Achievement

“This course offered new learning and reinforced and renewed prior learning. Many great activities and strategies to implement.”

- Judith C.

In the past, students who were failing were often sent for special education services whether or not they really needed it. However, the education system today aims to help all students succeed in the general educational setting. In such a setting, teachers play a critical role in identifying those who are struggling to learn and succeed in academics and intervening with help. This is even more critical, as students are exposed to higher standards with the adoption of Common Core by states and school districts.

This course provides educators with information about academic interventions that can be incorporated in the classroom, through frameworks such as the RTI or even in the absence of such structures. We will deal specifically with academic interventions but will not explore the area of behavioral interventions.



Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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Course Outline

LESSON 1

Understanding common core and academic interventions

- Understanding Common Core and standards in education
- Understanding and differentiating between core instruction, accommodations, modifications, and interventions
- Academic interventions, classroom intervention plans, and understanding warning signals of students at risk

LESSON 2

Response to Intervention

- Understanding Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Connecting RTI and the Common Core
- Essential components of RTI
- Tiered interventions
- Challenges when implementing RTI

LESSON 3

Literacy interventions

- Importance of literacy skills
- Problems students face in literacy
- Common Core – English Language Arts/Literacy
- Academic interventions for struggling readers
- Academic interventions for students struggling with writing skills

LESSON 4

Math intervention

- Importance of math
- Problems students face
- Common Core – Math
- RTI and Math
- Specific interventions for improving math skills