

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS' PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES

The Saskatchewan Educational Leadership Unit (SELU), with the assistance of the College of Education and qualified professionals, first developed the Educational Assistants' (EA) Professional Learning Series over 15 years ago. Since that time the modules have been revised to respond to current learning needs as identified by educational professionals in provincial school divisions and First Nation education authorities. The EA Professional Development Series is comprised of five stand-alone modules that support the ongoing learning of educational assistants.



The EA Professional Learning Series is facilitated by a qualified SELU consultant through an online webinar or face-to-face in the client's location. Each module provides approximately five hours of interactive instruction pertinent to the work of educational assistants in schools.

Features of the EA Professional Learning Series:

- Explores key themes and relevant PL topics
- Incorporates adult learning principles
- Provides learning experiences based on current literature and research
- Offers opportunities to practise employment-related skills
- Provides knowledgeable and experienced facilitators
- Includes opportunities to network and learn from each other

Module One*: Multidisciplinary Teams

Module Two*: Supports for Learning

Module Three: Academic Support

Module Four*: Behavioural Supports

Module Five: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

* Currently available online



Learning modules:

MODULE ONE:

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

Learn about roles in multi-disciplinary teams and practise skills of collaboration, team building, problem solving, and interpersonal communication.

MODULE TWO:

SUPPORTS FOR LEARNING

Explore the social basis of learning and cognition, differentiated instruction, learning supports, and the educational assistant's role in providing personalized supports.

MODULE THREE:

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

Create an understanding of how to best support students as independent learners and the importance of explicit instruction that helps build automatic and reasoning skills.

MODULE FOUR:

BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORTS

Develop an understanding of ways to support students' emotional and behavioural development within the classroom and school community.

MODULE FIVE:

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Develop an understanding of children and youth with FASD and explore effective strategies for introducing environmental, learning, and behavioural supports.

Module Learning Outcomes:

1. To provide professional learning opportunities aligned with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education's Inclusionary Philosophy and Beliefs
2. To develop an understanding of roles and collaboration skills within multidisciplinary teams
3. To develop skills to support students' independence and inclusion
4. To develop an understanding of a range of academic supports
5. To develop an understanding of a range of behaviour supports

For more information on the EA Professional Learning Series or to register for a module please contact SELU at 1-306-966-7634 or selu.info@usask.ca.



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