



CLASE Professional Development: Implementing Instructional Conversations in Diverse Classrooms

The University of Georgia Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE) invites educators of all levels to take part in face-to-face and online Professional Development focusing on implementing Instructional Conversation (IC) and other aspects of the “five standards for effective pedagogy” in diverse classrooms. The Standards were developed by Dr. Roland Tharp and others at the Center for Research on Education, Diversity & Excellence (CREDE) and IC in particular has been shown to be effective at increasing student achievement in recent meta-analyses by the What Works Clearinghouse.

Professional Development Content and Activities:

Dr. Roland Tharp (developer of the Five Standards) and **Dr. Stephanie Stoll Dalton** (author of *Five Standards for Effective Teaching: How to Succeed with All Learners*) will present a workshop with CLASE at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on Friday, October 17, 2008.

Participants will also have access to **online course materials** further unpacking and explaining the Standards, which they will be able to read and implement from October to February. In March, CLASE will video-record one class lesson by each participant, and will provide feedback to participants on how their lesson implements the five standards, especially IC. Participants taking part in the workshop, online instruction, and recording of their class, will be eligible for 1 PLU issued by the University of Georgia.

Participants will be invited to provide consent for research purposes for CLASE to analyze their instruction and student outcomes.

Location and Cost:

On Friday, October 17, 2008, Dr. Tharp and Dr. Dalton will present a workshop at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on the UGA campus (see www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/sections/directions.phtml).

The workshop will run from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. and includes lunch.

The online course content was developed by Dr. Tharp and the National Education Association and is hosted by educationalimpact.com. Participants will need to log in on their own schedule to work on approximately 6 hours of online content.

Registration and payment is due by **Friday, October 3, 2008**. Please register with the Georgia Center for Continuing Education using the attached form, also available at www.coe.uga.edu/clase.

All-inclusive cost including the workshop, lunch, online instruction, and PLU credit, is **\$65 per participant**. (CLASE is helping under-write the cost in coordination with the research project.)

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