

Course Title: Promoting College and Career Readiness in All Subjects	
Number of Content Modules: 4	Grade Levels: 9-12
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Course Description

Amidst a growing number of academic standards and expectations is the concept of Career and College Readiness. But how are educators supposed to address career and college preparation for students outside of a specific course on the topic? In this course, you will learn about the foundation skills within career and college readiness, the topic's link to equity and college access, and ways to incorporate families and communities in the conversations around future careers and college aspirations. Not only will you learn about examples of incorporating career and college readiness skills into the classroom curriculum, but you will also leave this course with two lesson plans tied to your specific subject area so you can get started meeting these standards and implementing this content into your curriculum right away.

Course Objectives

CO.1: Explain the basic concept of college and career readiness and skills and why these are important to teach in the classroom. [Danielson 2b, 4e]

CO.2: Identify historical barriers marginalized groups face regarding college and career readiness and explore strategies for working through some of these barriers to create a more equitable experience for all students. [Danielson 1b, 2a]

CO.3: Hypothesize issues their students face upon graduation when they enter a job or continue to higher education. [Danielson 1b, 1c, 1d]

CO.4: Evaluate the current level of college and career preparation available to all students in their school or district, paying specific attention to equitable opportunities for students from diverse racial and cultural identities. [Danielson 1c, 1d, 2b]

CO.5: Compare their own college and career story with that of their students and explore the reasonings for the similarities and differences. [Danielson 1b, 2a]

CO.6: Demonstrate ways that family and community members can engage in the conversations around college and career readiness and how strategic partnerships can influence the student experience. [Danielson 1d, 4c]

CO.7: Consider a variety of strategies to implement college and career readiness skills in the classroom and choose options that will fit well with their current curriculum. [Danielson 1d, 4c]

CO.8: Develop lesson plans that integrate college and career readiness that cultivate critical inquiry about students' future plans with content already covered in the curriculum. [Danielson 1c, 1d]

CO.9: Reflect in brave learning spaces to a) center experiences and perspectives of non-dominant groups, b) surface and interrogate beliefs, norms, assumptions, and practices that contribute to inequity, and c) reflect on the influence of socialization, identity, and culture on teaching and learning. [Danielson 4a, 4d]

Course Outline

Course Introduction Module

Course available completely online
(24/7 and Self-Paced)

Assignments due by the end of the term.

Module Topics

In this module, you will learn about the course set-up, expectations for learning and collaborating, meet your colleagues, and reflect on your prior knowledge about teaching with artificial intelligence.

- Course Navigation & Methodology
- Course Description
- A Transformative Approach to Education
- Expectations and Community Agreements for Engaging in Brave Dialogue
- Community Building Circle: Course Story
- Course Objectives

Module 1: College and Career Readiness

Module Topics

In this module, we will explore definitions, a framework, and skills associated with college and career readiness. We will also explore opportunities for adding college and career readiness initiatives in schools and will reflect on our personal experience with college and career preparation.

Section 1: What is “College and Career Readiness”?

- *Reflect on It!* Reflect on Your Experience
- *Learn about It!* Laying the Foundation
- *Learn about It!* Preparing Students for College and Career
- *Learn about It!* Career Development and Occupational Studies Standards
- *Learn about It!* Employability Skills
- *Learn about It!* Financial Literacy

Section 2: A Focus on Career Readiness

- *Learn about It!* What is Career Readiness
- *Reflect on It!* Career Readiness Framework
- *Learn about It!* Career Readiness vs. Career Planning
- *Learn about It!* Middle School Preparation
- *Master It!* Career Readiness SMART Goal

Section 3: A Focus on College Readiness

- *Learn about It!* Importance of College Readiness
- *Learn about It!* College Readiness Skills
- *Learn about It!* Positive Practices - College Readiness
- *Master It!* College Readiness SMART Goal

Module 2: Equitable Opportunities and Preparation

Module Topics

In this module, you will learn about barriers students from marginalized groups may face when attempting to enroll in college, as well as explore why college access is important for an equitable society, and strategies for helping overcome barriers for all students.

Section 1: College Readiness for All Students

- *Reflect on It!* Barriers to College Access
- *Learn about It!* Why Does College Access Matter?
- *Learn about It!* Helping Underserved Youth Prepare for College
- *Learn about It!* ELL Students and College Readiness

Section 2: College Readiness for Exceptional Learners

- *Learn about It!* College Readiness for Students Who Learn Differently
- *Learn about It!* Preparing Student With a Disability for College
- *Practice It!* Disability Services and Rights in College

Section 3: College Readiness for Your Students

- *Practice It!* Interview Students
- *Reflect on It!* Comparing and Contrasting Experiences
- *Master It!* Educating Colleagues

Section 4: Career Readiness Skills

- *Reflect on It!* Workforce Readiness Skills
- *Reflect on It!* Work-Based Learning in Schools
- *Practice It!* Incorporating Opportunities for Students

Module 3: Leveraging Family and Community Partnerships

Module Topics

In this module, you will learn about how you can leverage families and community members to bring college and career readiness skills and opportunities to students.

Section 1: Engaging Families in College and Career Readiness

- *Learn about It!* Engaging Families in Preparation
- *Learn about It!* Engaging Families in the Transition
- *Practice It!* Strategies to Support Student Success
- *Master It!* SMART Goal for Families

Section 2: Engaging Community in College and Career Readiness

- *Learn about It!* Community Involvement in College and Career Readiness [45 min]
- *Learn about It!* Leveraging Service Learning Opportunities [45 min]

- *Learn about It!* Leveraging Guest Speakers [60 min]
- *Practice It!* Possible Guest Speakers [80 min]
- *Reflect on It!* Collaborative Community Partnerships [60 min]
- *Master It!* Contacting Community Members [80 min]

Module 4: Implementing College and Career Readiness With Your Students

Module Topics

In this module, you will view examples of how other educators are incorporating career and college readiness into their classrooms, you will evaluate which opportunities are best for your own subject area, and you will develop lesson plans that incorporate career and college readiness into your curriculum.

Section 1: Learning From Others

- *Learn about It!* Career Planning in Schools [120 min]
- *Learn about It!* Integrating College Readiness [80 min]
- *Reflect on It!* Impact of Family and Community Partnerships [45 min]
- *Practice It!* Share Your Ideas [30 min]

Section 2: Developing a Plan

- *Reflect on It!* Evaluate Your Ideas [90 min]
- *Master It!* Creating Lesson Plans [160 min]

Course Wrap-Up Module

Module Topics

In the Course Wrap-Up Module, you will reflect on your self-efficacy for mastering the course objectives.

Section 1: Summative Course Reflection

- *Master It!* Summative Course Reflection [30min]
- *Reflect on It!* Course Evaluation and Feedback [30min]
- *Learn about It!* Course Reference List