

# DEVELOPING SOPHISTICATED LEARNERS for Educators <u>Program Outline</u>

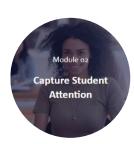


## **Module 1: Developing Sophisticated Learners**

Students become sophisticated learners when we teach them in a way that fosters learning, while also developing their ability to learn independently. Understand the characteristics of a sophisticated learner and how to design your lessons to ensure students learn optimally.

#### What You'll Learn

- A framework for successful learning that is rooted in cognitive science
- The differences between a traditional education and one based on learning science
- The definition of a sophisticated learner and benefits for learning outcomes



## **Module 2: Capture Student Attention**

Attention is a core cognitive skill that plays a critical role in learning. While students are often told to "pay attention," they are rarely taught how. Learn how to capture, keep, and gauge your students' attention.

#### What You'll Learn

- The core cognitive skills essential for processing information
- Common causes of inattention
- Strategies to capture your students' attention



## **Module 3: Addressing Processing Speed**

Processing speed refers to a learner's ability to perceive, integrate, and respond to visual, auditory, or motor information. Learn how to discern and tailor your teaching to accommodate variations in processing speeds within your classroom.

- Common symptoms of slow and fast processing speed on learning
- Teaching methods and modifications that support the variety of processing speeds that exist in any given classroom
- The relationship between processing speed and emotional wellbeing



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## **Module 4: Leverage Working Memory**

It is difficult to identify a learning task that does not rely on working memory, the ability to mentally juggle information. Become well versed in the ins and outs of working memory and learn classroom strategies that support and strengthen it.

#### What You'll Learn

- How to arrange the content you are teaching to enhance working memory and reduce cognitive overload
- Strategies that students can use to optimize working memory
- The science of effective multimedia learning and methods to improve multimedia teaching



## **Module 5: Support Executive Function for All**

Executive function skills predict academic and career success. Learn meaningful strategies to support your students' acquisition of executive function, and how to recognize and address executive dysfunction.

#### What You'll Learn

- A framework for executive function skills before, during and after goaldirected behaviors
- How to recognize and address symptoms of executive dysfunction
- Classroom strategies to support motivation, planning, emotional regulation, processing regulation, self-monitoring, and self-regulation



# **Module 6: Teach for Mastery I (Encoding Techniques)**

Studies show students rely on ineffective strategies to learn resulting in superficial learning. Learn how to foster your student's ability to acquire knowledge using proven techniques that facilitate the encoding of new information.

- The architecture of human memory and its importance to learning success
- Commonly held illusions, misbeliefs, and memory myths that inhibit learning
- 8 evidence-based memory techniques that help students encode information



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## **Module 7: Teach for Mastery II (Retrieval Strategies)**

Traditional instruction is focused on getting information into students' brains. Compelling research reveals that pulling information out of the brain enhances learning. Learn how to incorporate retrieval practice into your teaching.

#### What You'll Learn

- The role of retrieval practice in forming durable and deep learning
- How to activate prior knowledge to aid memory
- Classroom strategies for integrating retrieval strategies into curriculum and lesson plans



## **Module 8: Foster Metacognition**

Teaching metacognitive reflection is an effective strategy to accelerate student achievement. Learn how to provide students with practical strategies that foster metacognitive awareness and create the foundation for learning independently, effectively, and efficiently.

## What You'll Learn

- How to measure your students' metacognitive skills
- How to capitalize on mistakes to promote learning success
- Classroom strategies to develop your students' ability to monitor and manage their own learning behaviors



## **Module 9: Provide Effective Feedback**

Research suggests effective feedback, formative assessments, and peer-based learning are among the most effective ways a student can learn information. Learn how to integrate and apply these concepts into your classroom.

- How to use feedback to bolster self-esteem and encourage higher-level thinking
- How to use formative assessment effectively
- The power of peer-based feedback and learning in your classroom



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## **Module 10: Teach for Belonging I (Emotions & Relationships)**

Develop a better understanding of the interdependencies between cognition, emotion, and behaviors to better support your students. Learn how to foster positive emotions and behaviors that increase student engagement, effort and learning outcomes.

#### What You'll Learn

- Core components of Social-Emotional Learning, Positive Education, and Trauma-Sensitive Education
- Key student mindsets such as growth, belonging, and purpose/relevance.
- Classroom strategies to support positive emotions, engagement, and relationships in learning



## **Module 11: Teach for Belonging II (Engagement & Motivation)**

Student engagement often decreases with every year of schooling. Yet, student learning requires their engagement and motivation. Learn what research reveals about the most effective ways for teachers to foster student motivation and engagement in the classroom.

### What You'll Learn

- How to engage students using theories from cognitive science
- How to tap into intrinsic motivation including Self-Determination Theory
- Classroom strategies and methods that motivate students



## **Module 12: Understanding Cognitive Diversity**

Learning is a cognitive process. Every classroom is cognitively diverse. Learn how to associate learning difficulties to cognitive skills, as well as refine your approach to how you teach through appropriate strategies to support students' areas of difficulty.

- How to understand cognitive diversity often referred to as neurodiversity or neurodivergence
- Signs and accommodations for the most common learning differences in classrooms today including dyslexia, autism, twice-exceptional, non-verbal learning disabilities, and emotional and behavioral disorders
- How to target and strengthen cognitive skills to improve learning



# **DEVELOPING SOPHISTICATED LEARNERS for Educators**How You Learn

**We Practice What We Teach:** Our programs incorporate the scientific principles of human learning into our instructional design. Learning is active, engaging, collaborative, and application-based. Carefully designed program elements and ongoing guidance and support empowers educators and students to apply what they've learned.

## **Expertly Led Guidance & Support**



### **COGx Program Leaders**

Program Leaders are assigned to support the learning journey. They monitor the program and respond to questions.



### **Application Hour**

Coaching and collaboration sessions will be held during the program to allow participants to clarify any questions about the program content.



#### **Discussion Boards**

Modules include Discussion Forums to share ideas, collaborate, and provide and receive valuable peer feedback. Program Leaders are also constantly available to seek clarity or ask a question on any topic throughout the learning journey.

## **Research-Informed Instructional Design**



## **Priming Activities**

Priming quizzes and open-ended interrogatories are used to get learners to think about the subject matter they are about to learn.



## **Pre-Teaching Terms**

Teachers interact with digital flashcards that cover content-specific terminology at the start of each module.



#### **Retrieval Practice**

To foster durable, flexible, and enduring learning, we apply retrieval strategies throughout the program, including elaboration, spacing, self- testing, and interleaving.



#### **Dual Coding**

We apply dual-coding theory throughout our programs by including images and graphics as well as in our micro-videos.



# **DEVELOPING SOPHISTICATED LEARNERS for Educators How You Learn**

# **Active Learning & Transfer Classroom Application Guides** Takeaway posters are provided throughout the modules to guide the effective implementation of



### **Peer-Based Feedback & Reflection**

the concepts covered.

Learners receive and provide peers with anonymized feedback on lesson plan application assignments for deeper learning.



## **Alumni Practitioner's Platform**

Program alumni (Science of Learning Practitioners) can join an online platform to share resources and strategies for ongoing application of concepts and guidance.