

What Can Connections Do For You?

The *Innovative Instructional Series* offers a course design like no other. Offered to Educators in the Intermountain Area, these courses are a series of a unique combination of instruction by experts in the field, independent study, Internet research, Email assignments and virtual tours of actual cutting-edge technologies. It brings to light the methodology that guides and incorporates best practices and curriculum from various resources including national research and laboratories.



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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO OBTAIN CURRICULUM AND REGISTER FOR CREDITS

1. Fill out the curriculum form and send it in the mail or purchase the curriculum on-line at the Connections web address.
2. **Curriculum fee is \$50.00** per course payable to **Connections**.
3. You will receive a curriculum packet in the mail that includes Northwest Nazarene University (NNU) credit registration information. Professional Development credits are **\$60.00 per credit**. These courses are two (2) credit courses. Total credit cost is **\$120.00**.
4. **These credits are designed for Lane Changes and State recertification. Spring Session ends April 16th.**

Connections 2021 Spring Session

Professional Development for Intermountain Educators



January 18th through April 16th

Open Enrollment

Northwest Nazarene University (NNU)

<http://pdlearn.nnu.edu/modules/shop/index.html>



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Environmental Concerns of Today



Part I—Our Earth Today: Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Fires—2 NNU Credits

The Our Earth Today curriculum is a dynamic look at our restless earth. This curriculum is complimentary for middle school students and provides great hands-on exploration and discovery. DVDs of the New Explorers series provide a real-world look at volcanoes, earthquakes and the effect on nature during and after a fire.

Part II—Our Earth Today: Oceans, Weather and Climate—2 NNU Credits

How do oceans affect weather and climate?



Oceans covers more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface and contains about 97 percent of its water. The ocean plays a fundamental role in shaping the climate zones we see on land. *What's the Difference Between Weather and Climate?* It is important today for students to have a basic understanding of oceans, weather and climate. This course provides an abundance of resource tools to assist the educator.

Understanding Energy

Today's Energy—2 NNU Credits

The Today's Energy curriculum studies the relationship between agriculture, water, fossil fuel, wind and nuclear energy. It is designed to provide basic building blocks of the future of energy and what the sources of today can or cannot provide.



Mysteries of the Universe

Let's Fly in Space—Part I—2 NNU Credits

Let's take a look at life in space, former explorers, and what the future will hold for our students in the deep and dark unknown of outer space. Great DVD and curriculum provided that helps guide the exploration of a student.

The Challenge of Going to MARS—Part II 2 NNU Credits

Pre-requisite is the Part I course

This course takes a look at MARS—the history, the challenges and the future. The NASA website states: "Mars is right next door to Earth, but it isn't very neighborly. Two-thirds of all international missions have failed, but an undaunted human spirit and hard work keep us on a path to explore Mars - a world so much like our own, but much more hostile and uninviting". Let's Explore MARS!



Curriculum Integration

Puzzles of the Past—2 NNU Credits

This curriculum takes a core social studies topic and integrates science, math, social studies and English. This curriculum looks at ancient civilizations and modern-society. Students can find career exploration opportunities and terrific hands-on activities while discovering the *Puzzles of the Past*.



Best Practices

Designing a Project Based Learning (PBL) Classroom—2 NNU Credits

Project Based Learning (PBL) is not new however research shows that business and industry are choosing employees who have strong skills that prove successful in today's work environment. It can be an enjoyable and effective way to learn.

Special Needs

Part I: Autistic Children & Other Brain Disorders—2 NNU Credits



Districts and teachers are faced with the issue of integrating an autistic child into the classroom. How do you provide a fair and reasonable education and still maintain the excitement and joy of learning and teaching? This course looks at various aspects of the issue and provides helpful tools that work for special needs children.

Part II: A Further Look at the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) 2 NNU Credits—Pre-req is Part I

Teachers face the inherent challenges of educating students with an ASD. These students have both strengths and challenges that influence their academic achievements. Part II in this series provides you with additional various intervention strategies and resources that have proven successful.

Classroom Technology

Using Apps in the Classroom—2 NNU Credits

Today the use of Apps in the classroom is expanding the learning experience for students by assisting the educator with dynamic, engaging and concept building supplements to their core curriculum. There are thousands of Apps today that can assist this effort. Let's explore some proven Apps that will be a tremendous asset for those day to day topics.

Good Sportsmanship Practices

Preparing Today's Sports Players without Over Involvement from Parents 2 NNU Credits



Parents are fighting with referees, coaches, their kids and one another. Students today are losing their passion to play sports and **WHY?** This course will look into some of the issues that are putting American youth sports in crisis. In the book from Dr. Jerry Lynch we gain guidance on how to "Let Them Play".



Social and Emotional Learning

Learning with the Heart—2 NNU Credits

Can students learn without emotional involvement? Can a teacher instruct without emotional involvement? This course is designed to provide an overview of the importance of the critical role the heart plays in effecting our emotional experience. Tools are provide that present an opportunity for development of higher-order thinking skills, learner readiness, decision making, and test-taking as well as for social and emotional behavior.

Part I: Safeguards Against Bullying—2 NNU Credits

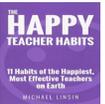
How big of a problem is bullying today and can educators easily identify when a problem exists in their classroom or on the playground? What are the characteristics and impact to a victim of bullying? Can the negative behavior of a bully be turned around? This course provides helpful hints for the educator that can also be shared with parents.

Part II: The Crisis of Cyberbullying—2 NNU Credits Pre-requisite is the Part I course

The Crisis of Cyberbullying is the second course available in our bullying series. Cyberbullying can be more difficult to detect than other kinds of bullying. But when you know what to look for, you can take action. 160,000 American youth skip school in fear of bullying. Cyberbullying has a potential for being very dark and difficult to detect. This course will focus on strategies, resources and tools that educators can use to inform their students and their parents on the crisis of cyberbullying.

Is it possible to be a "Happy" Teacher Everyday? 2 NNU Credits

As stated on the cover of Michael Linsin's book entitled *The Happy Teacher Habits*—based on the latest research and drawing on experts from the worlds of business, marketing, sports, entertainment, music and medicine, you will learn simple, actionable strategies that will eliminate your teaching stress. Ideas presented will supercharge your ability to motivate and inspire your students, and empower you to really love your job. Is it possible? A terrific way to improving ourselves and the lives of our students.



Coping Skills for Educators

Part I: Dealing with Difficult Individuals 2 NNU Credits



The *Part I: Dealing with Difficult Individuals* course takes a look at various techniques used in dealing with conflict. The ability to deal with people is even more important today with the pressures of our fast-paced environment. Coping skills are important in order to handle conflict in a professional and productive way. Obtaining these skills and using them effectively is a challenge for educators.

Part II: Dealing with Difficult Parents 2 NNU Credits

Pre-requisite is the Part I course

The *Part II - Dealing with Difficult Parents* course continues to look at ways that an educator can deal with a difficult parent and/or peer. This type of stressful situation is ranked at the top of the list when it comes to what educators are facing today. Resource tools are provided for an approach in handling conflicts with parents.



Physical Science and Physics are Fun

Physical Science Revisited for Intermountain Educators (PRIME) - 2 NNU Credits

Physical Science along with Physics can be a topic of incredible discovery and exploration for students! Is that the practice and methods that you are using? PRIME provides you with fun hands-on activities along with a "Rock & Roll Physics" DVD and curriculum from the New Explorers series. Don't miss this chance to provide a life-long experience for your students and allow them to discover how **FUN** school can be!