Curriculum Leadership Academy: Leading a Learning Organization
(October 2019 - May 2020)
3 Graduate St. Michael’s Credits

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Target Audience: Current and Aspiring Curriculum Leaders, Teacher Leaders

Curriculum Leaders are the shepherds of continual learning in Supervisory Unions and School Districts. They are capacity-builders, vision keepers, lead learners, framework builders, innovation catalysts and more. In collaboration with other key leaders, we are the designers, teachers and stewards of the creation of learning organizations.

This Leadership Academy is designed to meet the learning needs of both current and aspiring Curriculum Directors. Each session will include:

- an exploration of a focus area
- introduction to a component of the final project,
- a takeaway tool to support your work now and in the future
- a personalized facilitated work session with ‘experts in the field’

The major work of the course will be the development of a continuous improvement plan for an individual, a grade band, a school, or an SU as this work is the keystone of learning organizations; defining the why, what, how and where of innovation efforts.

Designing and building dynamic environments for students requires that schools, districts and Supervisory Unions become learning organizations. Peter Senge defines a learning organization as a place “where people continually expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire; where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free, and where people are continually learning to see the whole (reality) together” (Senge 1992).

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Dates:
October 14, 2019
November 15, 2019
January 17, 2020
March 20, 2020
May 22, 2020

Hours:
9 - 3:30 pm
(includes light breakfast & lunch)

Location:
CVEDC’s Classroom
150 Kennedy Drive
S. Burlington, VT

Cost:
$1475 – includes 3 gr. credits & book

Text: Coherence: The Right Drivers in Action for Schools, Districts, and Systems by Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn