



# Champlain Valley Educator Development Center

Collaborative Professional Learning to Support Vermont Schools

## UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING: A FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSION

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**Target Audience: K- 12 Educators**

Many schools are now turning to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as a powerful framework for inclusion that also unifies important initiatives including but not limited to proficiency-based learning (PBL), social emotional learning (SEL), and a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS). Universal Design for Learning has been nationally recognized as best first instruction for all learners with its basic precept being to first remove barriers in learning environments before resorting to curriculum modifications and accommodations. UDL is a framework to advance equity because its research-based, learner-centered approach emphasizes engagement, access, and expression for all learners. But as a classroom teacher, where to begin? This course will provide teachers with a foundational understanding of UDL and actionable strategies for making their classrooms more inclusive. Course participants will deepen their understanding of UDL through course readings, professional dialogue, peer observations, and classroom practice.

Course participants will learn how to:

- make meaningful connections between various school initiatives and the UDL brain-based guidelines
- exhibit an understanding of how UDL strategies can improve outcomes for all learners
- reexamine classroom norms & routines through an equity lens with an eye to engaging all learners
- develop specific UDL classroom strategies for inclusion
- improve learner agency through intentional strategies to foster *expert learners*



**Date:**  
August 12 - 16, 2019

**Hours:**  
8:00-3:30 pm

**Location:**  
FHT Middle School  
South Burlington School  
District

**Cost:**  
\$825 w/out credit  
\$1200 includes 3 grad  
credits from St. Michael's

Includes the book:  
Novak, K. (2016)  
*UDL Now! A Teacher's  
Guide to Applying  
Universal Design for  
Learning in Today's  
Classrooms*

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