

Using Data Online Course: Translating Data into Information

Course Begins in January 2010

If you are like most schools and districts, you probably have some of the following dilemmas regarding the use of your student learning data:

- * **Available by the truckload and overwhelming**
- * **Difficult getting staff to engage with the data**
- * **Staff are not using the data to guide instruction**
- * **Every year your state test brings new surprises**
- * **Difficult to use the data you have to improve instruction**

Using Data Online teaches participants to rise to meet these challenges and to dig deeper into student learning and other data without being overwhelmed. The course focuses on using this data to identify student learning problems and their causes. Collaborative inquiry and Data-Driven Dialogue are explored and enacted, and school leaders are instructed on how to implement the Using Data model in their own schools to guide their data analysis, instruction, and classroom practice.

The course runs for 15 weeks, and is comprised of 15 one-week sessions. While this course is a wholly online experience, the collaboration that is at the core of the Using Data philosophy is also woven into the activities and lessons of Using Data Online. Participants are expected to post to the course blogs, and engage collaboratively with other students in data teams for Data-Driven Dialogues.

Graduate credit is available, and documentation is provided so that participants may apply to their local Departments of Education for PDPs.

Course Dates: **January 25 - May 16, 2010 (Pre-session begins January 18)**

Course Fee: **\$750**

Graduate Credit Fee (3 credits from Salem State College): **\$200**

Group discounts on course fees are available. The course requires a minimum of 10 participants to run. The course is subject to cancellation if the minimum is not met.

To register, visit our online registration page: www.regonline.com/usingdata2010.

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