

# Informal Science Education

**COMPONENT #: 1-015-318**

**POINTS TO BE EARNED: 120 MPP**

## **PART I – PLANNING**

**DESCRIPTION:** Write a brief description of content and intent of component.

This component is designed to enable the participant to establish collaborations with local informal science institutes that will lead to the enhancement of the teaching and learning environment through the use of inquiry-based learning and science field studies.

Upon successful completion of this professional development activity, the participant will be able to incorporate into his/her instruction the principles presented in this in-service.

**STANDARDS/FOCUS AREAS ADDRESSED BY COMPONENT:** Identify the standards, national/state/district imperatives, initiatives or key focus areas this component supports.

**Standards for Professional Learning** (choose one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Designs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership           | <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data                 |   |

**Florida Educator Accomplished Practices** (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instructional Design and Lesson Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Learning Environment                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous Professional Improvement  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instructional Delivery and Facilitation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct |

**Florida Leadership Standards** (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Learning Results          | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Making                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Learning as a Priority    | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instructional Plan Implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> School Management                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty Development               | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learning Environment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional and Ethical Behaviors |

**IPEGS Standards** (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS 2 – Knowledge of Learners                 | <input type="checkbox"/> PS 6 – Communication                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS 3 – Instructional Planning                | <input type="checkbox"/> PS 7 – Professionalism                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS 4 – Instructional Delivery and Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS 8 – Learning Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PS 5 – Assessment                                       |   |

**IMPACT FOCUS AREA(S):** Select the intended impact focus area(s) from the choices below. Note that Impact Evaluation procedures should reflect this level of impact.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educator knowledge/skill (content) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student learning       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educator (professional growth)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational support and change |

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**SPECIFIC LEARNER OUTCOMES:** Identify the intended learner outcomes (number and content of learner outcomes should be reflective of the total points participants will earn as a result of completing this learning).

1. Identify and create collaborative partnerships to improve understanding of the utilization of informal science education at informal science institutes.
2. Utilize informal science institutes to accommodate the needs of diverse learners.
3. Engage participants in rich and stimulating opportunities that will increase student appreciation and understanding of science application.
4. Gain an understanding of inquiry-based science by participating in the science field studies.
5. Gain an understanding of the support that informal science institutes have on the teaching and learning environment.
6. Identify the resources and services that informal science institutes can provide in support of the teaching and learning process.

## PART II – LEARNING

**LEARNING PROCEDURES:** Describe the experiences (the “what”) and formats/methods (the “how”) that will be used to provide participants with the knowledge and skills sufficient to master the intended learner outcome of this component.

1. Discuss how the innovative strategies and/or materials can be used to support specific instructional objectives (SLO 1-6).
2. Implement specific instructional strategies and activities that will address the needs of diverse learners (SLO 2-4 & 6).
3. Provide a product related to the training (e.g. lesson plans, written reflection, audio/video tape, case study) verifying that the professional development impacted their professional behavior (SLO 2-6).
4. Submit evidence (e.g. student work, pre and post assessments, surveys) verifying that the content impacted student achievement (SLO 2-6).
5. Monitor and adjust programs, as needed, as a result of the implementation feedback and findings (SLO 1-6).
6. Develop an action research study related to the training and provide evidence of implementation (SLO 1-6).
7. Provide evidence of collaborative planning related to the training (SLO 1-6).
8. Engage in mentor/coaching activities which may include, but not be limited to, direct observation, conferencing, oral reflection, lesson demonstration and/or follow up session(s) (SLO 1-6).

## PART III – IMPLEMENTATION

**IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES:** Method(s) and resource(s) that will be provided to support implementation of new learning for participants (check all that apply).

- Apply newly acquired professional knowledge, skills, dispositions, and behaviors to improve practice.
- Provide sufficient classroom- and school-focused support and assistance by skillful coaches,

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mentors, or others to the educator to ensure high-fidelity implementation of professional learning.

- X Provide educators with web-based resources and assistance to support implementation of professional learning.

### **PART IV – EVALUATION**

**IMPACT EVALUATION PROCEDURES:** Describe the processes that will be used to determine the impact (as identified in previous section titled “Impact Focus Areas”). Description should reflect methods for determining at least ONE of those areas, and will include a specific section for each impact focus area identified for this component.

1. Educator knowledge/skill: Will be based on changes in the educator’s teaching practices utilizing the skills and knowledge acquired, as evidenced by classroom walk-throughs, student materials, and participant reflections.
2. Student learning: Will include evidence of implementation through documentation of impact on student achievement, such as surveys, tests, assignments, and observation.

**COMPONENT EVALUATION PROCEDURES:** Describe the process(es) that will be used to determine the effectiveness of this component to include design, implementation and impact (check all that apply).

- X Evaluate the impact of all professional learning on educator’s practice through reflection, assessment, collaborative protocols for examining educator practice and work samples, peer visits, and/or professional portfolios.
- X Determine the degree to which educator’s professional learning contributed to student performance gains as measured by classroom assessment data.
- X Use summative and formative data from state or national standardized student achievement measures, when available, or other measures of student learning and behavior such as district achievement tests, progress monitoring, educator-constructed tests, action research results, discipline referrals, and/or portfolios of student work to assess the impact of professional learning.

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