

ISCA'S MISSION

ISCA's current mission, with support from United Teachers Los Angeles & Washington Mutual is to:

- offer schools seminars in the collaborative lesson design process for all disciplines
- research, develop, and then field-test effective standards-based lessons and performance assessments in all disciplines
- promote the lesson design study process as a core work activity of teachers
- establish a professional community dedicated to creating the most effective lessons and assessments for students

Salary Advancement

Upon completion of the seminar, you can earn the following:

- 3 salary points
- 3 units CSU Dominguez Hills
- Professional Growth Credit (56 hr.)
- BTSA Induction Credit: 3 units + elective in induction course + technology requirement
- National Board Teachers: 10hr.professional development credit + up to 92 hr. for leading lesson design study group.

Who should attend?

The Lesson Design Study Seminar is designed for the accomplished teacher, the novice teacher, small learning communities, instructional coaches, support providers, anyone interested in curriculum and assessment development.

For Seminar schedules and cost:

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From Our Teachers. . .

"It was real. . .I was asked to be intellectual and creative. The quality was superb. It respected my intelligence and ability to design lessons. There is more depth to my teaching. The students feel respected because this unit challenges them. And as a result, they are more attentive and serious about their work."

—Jacqueline Ramirez
High School

"I thought I was teaching writing. But I was really teaching rules—not how to use the rules to make their writing clearer. Now I teach my students how to write essays. They analyze character and theme, and interpret literature. They learn mechanics, usage, and grammar through sentence combining. They don't just fill in the blank. These are third graders. They can do it."

—Carol Siembieda
Elementary

"My success in achieving National Board Certification is directly related to everything I learned in the ISCA's Lesson Design Study process."

—Mary Luczynski, NBCT
Middle School

UTLA'S LESSON DESIGN STUDY SEMINAR

A NEW PROFESSIONAL LIFE



"This work represents a major step forward for assisting in professional development of teachers and the many others involved in the education of our children."

—National Writing Project



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Purpose

Teams of teachers or individual teachers learn to use lesson design study to create engaging, intellectually-challenging standards-based assessments and units. At each step, ISCA provides instructional resources, protocols for feedback, technological support, Internet access, time to create.

Teachers will have:

- Designed and field-tested a Standards-Based Unit and Assessment on their topic
- Scored the assessments & written analysis of results determining what lessons to refine
- Redesigned their unit for next time
- Advanced technology skills in Word, PowerPoint, smart Internet research
- Worked together as professionals.

Day 1 Lesson Design Process: The Assessment

A.M. Sign-In & Refreshments
 Welcome & Introduction
 Lesson Design Study Modeled
 Standards & Subject Matter

Noon Lunch Provided
 Internet: Smart Researching Your Topic
 Design Your Assessment

P.M. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Day 2 Refine Assessments & Begin the Unit

A.M. Sign-In & Refreshments
 Design Assessments & Rubrics

Present Assessments & Refine

Noon Lunch Provided
 Japanese Lesson Study—A Model
 Design Units

P.M. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Day 3 Deepening the Lessons

A.M. Sign-In & Refreshments
 Subject Matter Seminars
 (e.g., What's Genre?—Miles Myers)



Formatting in Word
 Design Unit & Worksheets

Noon Lunch Provided
 Design Unit & Worksheets

P.M. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Days 4 & 5 Continue Designing

A.M. Sign-In & Refreshments
 Basics to Bells & Whistles:
 Creating Powerpoint Presentations

Design Unit & Worksheets
 Mini-Workshops on Topics Requested by Teams

Noon Lunch Provided
 Continue Designing Units

P.M. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Day 6 Presentations

A.M. Sign-In & Refreshments
 Finishing Touches on Unit

Noon Lunch Provided
 Presentation of Units and Assessments

P.M. Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Teach Unit & Administer Assessment (approx. 4 weeks)
 ISCA videotapes & debriefs a lesson

Day 7 Score Assessments

(Lunch & Parking Provided)
 Write analysis of Results
 Trait Analysis
 Analysis of What to Redesign

Day 8 Redesign Unit

(Lunch & Parking Provided)
 Redesign Unit and Assessment (As Needed.)