

ICMEE eWorkshop Planning for Writers in a Linguistically and Culturally Responsive Classroom (Grades 3-6)

Essential Question: What does writing look like in a linguistically and culturally

responsive classroom?

Guiding Questions:

- Unit 1: How can I use resources to learn more about my bilingual learners?
- Unit 2: What is considered good writing in the intermediate grades?
- Unit 3: What does a demonstration look like for all of my writers?
- Unit 4: How do I support my bilingual learners after the writing demonstration?
- Unit 5: How can the oral language approach support your bilingual learners?
- **Unit 6:** Answer the Essential Ouestion

What is an eWorkshop?

Our eWorkshops are innovative online multi-media resources available free of cost to professional learning communities of educators who wish to collaboratively inquire into and improve their practice with bi/multilingual learners.

eWorkshops are inquiry oriented and are guided by an essential question and a guiding question for each of the six units in an eWorkshop. Each unit follows the same three-part learning cycle that we call Explore, Make-It-Work, and Share. In Explore participants spend 30-60minutes exploring new ideas, content, concepts or perspectives. In Make-It-Work, participants are offered a minimum of two designed and completely supported options of how to make the new learning from Explore work in an actual classroom context. Make-It-Work takes around one hour of a participant's time and always has a "You Make-It-Work" option, which gives participants the flexibility to design their own approach or tweak one of the options we offered. Finally, participants Share their learning either in our online space (a threaded discussion) or Face-to-Face. Share usually takes 30-60minutes of a participant's time meaning that completing the three-part learning cycle of each unit takes about three hours. eWorkshop participants who complete all six units can receive a certificate of completion as well as use their work towards a course that will earn them one graduate level credit at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. To learn more about our eWorkshops, please visit: https://cehs.unl.edu/icmee/

