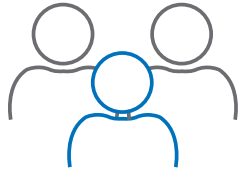


Instructional Coaching Institute



Progress through Partnership

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

What is the purpose of this institute?

Across the country, many school districts are hiring instructional coaches or onsite professional developers to lead school reform efforts. Consequently, hundreds of educational professionals are finding themselves in high-stakes, critically important roles in their schools, with little or no professional development to prepare them for successfully performing their tasks.

The lack of professional learning for coaches places schools at risk. Decision makers in districts need to learn how to set up coaching programs so that they can save time and implement change efficiently. Districts also need to know what good coaching looks like so that they can create programs that really do improve the quality of students' lives.

The Instructional Coaching Institute will provide a foundation upon which a solid, effective instructional coaching program can be built. The content of the institute is based on more than eight years of research on instructional coaching conducted by the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning.

What content is included in this institute?

The Instructional Coaching Institute will provide a definition of what coaches do, distinguish between effective and ineffective coaching practices, and provide an overview of the current state of research on coaching. The institute addresses the following questions:

- What is instructional coaching and how does it differ from other forms of coaching?

- What can a coach do to foster internal commitment in others?
- What is the theoretical foundation for instructional coaching?
- What specific communication strategies can a person use to build healthy relationships with other professionals?
- What are the various activities instructional coaches do (enrolling teachers, pre-conferencing, observing classes, modeling in the classroom, and debriefing) and what are the effective ways in which they should be conducted?
- What does research say about when it is appropriate and inappropriate for coaches to model in the classroom?
- How can coaches build coherence and disseminate ideas across schools?
- Which leadership skills enable coaches to lead reform efforts in their schools?

For more information, visit our website, www.instructionalcoach.org.

How will this institute work?

This session will be facilitated through the use of Partnership Learning (www.kucrl.org/partnership), so all professional learning is designed to be “hands-on” and practical and to encourage meaningful dialogue, reflection, and action planning.

Participants will:

- learn numerous coaching skills that they can use right away in their professional practice
- discuss each strategy, principle, tool, or idea with other coaches to gain multiple perspectives on the learning that is shared
- practice selected communication skills with other participants

- hear about best practices that are being implemented by coaches across the country
- create specific implementation and communication plans to take back to their schools and districts

Participants should leave each session with practical materials that they will be able to use right away, and everyone will have ample time to plan how to use the strategies, skills, tools, and other materials that they are most interested in using.

Who should attend this institute?

The Instructional Coaching Institute will appeal to district decision makers, instructional coaches, site-based professional developers, and others interested in learning more about instructional coaching.

The institute will address *how* to coach (methods that coaches can use to enable instructional improvements) not *what* to coach (instructional practices). This workshop is most appropriate for professional developers and other educational professionals who are interested in learning about how to accelerate professional learning in schools.

Cost of the institute

\$450 for three days (does not include costs associated with meals, transportation, and lodging).

About the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning

Established in 1978, the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning is an internationally recognized research and development organization noted for creating solutions that dramatically improve the quality of life, learning, and performance, especially for those who experience barriers to success. Components of KU-CRL's Strategic Instruction Model—a comprehensive approach to teaching adolescents who struggle with becoming good readers, writers, and

learners—have been adopted by more than 3,500 school districts as well as several state departments of education. SIM is made available to schools through a network of more than 1,000 staff development specialists throughout the country, supported by KU-CRL. Our instructional coaching research is a natural extension of our work with students, teachers, and staff developers.

More information

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Registration

Download the registration form from the Instructional Coaching website (www.instructionalcoach.org).

Complete the registration form and mail with payment to:

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1122 West Campus Road Room 517
Lawrence, KS 66045-3101

Phone: (785) 864-4780

Fax: (785) 864-5728

Web: www.kucrl.org

Email: crl@ku.edu

Registration should be postmarked no later than the dates listed on the registration form to avoid a late fee of \$25. Space in this workshop is limited. If space is available for you to participate, you will be notified by e-mail. *Do not make non-refundable travel plans until you receive this notification.*

Transportation

Plan to fly to Kansas City International Airport (MCI). Transportation from the Kansas City International Airport to Lawrence is much easier than from other airports in the area. MCI is located northeast of Lawrence and is about a one-hour drive from Lawrence. You may want to rent a car or use the transportation services described below.

Kansas Transportation Service

Toll free: (877) 942-0544

In Lawrence: 841-7321

www.travel-kts.com

Make reservations 24 hours ahead. \$55 round trip to and from any site in Lawrence. There is a cancellation fee. Guarantee your reservation with a credit card number, but tell them you will pay with cash in order to avoid a cancellation fee. You must mention KU-CRL to get this price.

Midwest Transportation Service

Shuttle from and to airport

Toll free: (888) 467-3729

(785) 838-4500 Fax: (785) 865-5121

Online reservations: midwestlimo.com

Make reservations 12 to 24 hours ahead of time. \$25 one way; \$50 round trip.

Taxi

(785) 842-8294

Rates within Lawrence are \$8 for a ride anywhere within city limits. Each additional passenger rides for an additional \$1.50.

Hotels

Days Inn

2309 Iowa St.
(785) 843-9100

Eldridge Hotel

Historic hotel in downtown Lawrence
701 Massachusetts St.
(785) 749-5011

Under new ownership and management as of October 2004.

Halcyon House

www.thehalcyonhouse.com
1000 Ohio St.
(785) 841-0314
Bed & breakfast

Hampton Inn

2300 W. Sixth St.
(785) 841-4994

Holiday Inn Express

3411 Iowa St.
(866) 695-0459

SpringHill Suites of Lawrence

1 Riverfront Plaza
(785) 841-2700
A hotel on the riverfront in downtown Lawrence, about 1.25 miles from campus.

Super 8 of Lawrence

1515 McDonald Dr.
(785) 842-5721

Westminster Inn & Suites

2525 W. Sixth St.
(785) 841-8410