

Professional Development

In order to provide the best educational instruction for students, a teacher should never stop learning. Continuing education should not only be focused on the content of the one's classroom but classroom implementation strategies as well.

Attending conferences is a great way to keep up with the forever-changing world of education. Teaching conferences offer classes on classroom strategies such as classroom management, formative assessments, and engagement activities. Collaborating with teachers from different backgrounds about their experiences supports continuing education by sharing strategies and methods that have been proven to work well in the past.



For example, during the 2018 UTeach Conference, UTeach Dallas master teachers led the seminar, *"STRATEGIES FOR ENCOURAGING CONTENT-AREA CONVERSATIONS IN THE CLASSROOM"* which presented interactive exploration activities to prove material concepts and how they relate to the real world.



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Exploring new technology and applications is another great way to stay up to date with the emerging industry trends. Taking online tutorials on emerging technology will help teachers incorporate new content exploration methods into classroom instruction. Graphing applications and online simulations will appeal to young, tech savvy students but will also encourage student independent exploration as they will be the ones forming conjectures.

Reading teacher blogs or following teaching boards on Pinterest also promotes professional development. Many educators, rookies and vets, use these platforms to share how they develop and implement strategies in their classroom so that others have a guide as to what works, or what doesn't. Borrowing ideas from other teachers can help diversify teaching implementation to encourage growth and development.