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## PROJECT ENDORSEMENT+

# LOOKING AT STUDENT ACADEMIC LANGUAGE (LASAL) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION WITH COACH

UMass Global is looking for educators to participate in our Looking at Student Academic Language (LASAL) program. This 2-part grant-funded opportunity allows participants to complete tuition-free coursework. Educators will be paired with a UMass Global grant selected virtual educational coach and engage in three “cycles” of using a structured collaborative process with colleagues to improve instructional practices related to improving academic language development in English learners.

### Benefits include:

- Fully online, self-paced (perfect for working professionals)
- Cost \$0 - courses are funded by a grant
- Earn 3 Graduate Level Professional Development Credits  
- These credits can be used for professional advancement such as salary increment steps and recertification
- Based on the K12 School calendar timeline

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity and to apply, please visit:

[umassglobal.edu/LASAL](https://umassglobal.edu/LASAL)

## 6-8 WEEKS CYCLE IMPLEMENTATION & COACHING SUPPORT

### Identifying & Developing Objectives

During each of the cycles, the educator interacts with a coach to identify one or two work samples from English Learners which will become the topic of discussion with peers during a collaborative session.

### Coaching Support - Development

The coach will support the educator in developing key questions and setting areas of focus for the collaborative session and selecting a group of peers who will provide feedback during a collaborative session.

### Implementation

The educator then conducts a collaborative session with peers to analyze and discuss classroom practices that may be impacting the student's learning.

### Coaching Support - Reflection

The coach will support the educator in reflecting on how to use the information from peers to improve classroom practice. Educators will implement the changes.

