

Virtual Instruction Training for Louisiana Educators

Free live and asynchronous training on high-quality virtual teaching practices

The Louisiana Department of Education is partnering with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching to help teachers and school leaders become more **equipped to deliver virtual instruction**. Throughout the 2020-21 year, live (synchronous) training sessions on virtual instruction are available to all Louisiana educators ([learn more here](#)). Now, to provide more opportunities to participate in this powerful learning, a flexible, asynchronous option is being offered as well.

Starting **December 8**, Louisiana educators will have **free access to three, 60-minute self-study modules** that showcase different aspects of effective virtual teaching. Through the asynchronous sessions, which are similar to the live training, educators will learn about tips, templates, and strategies to use immediately in their virtual classrooms.



These modules can be accessed through the [Louisiana Believes website](#). As in the live sessions, there are different options for teachers and principals to receive more tailored support based on their role. Modules for principals and administrators will focus on coaching practices and strategies, while teacher sessions will provide more content teachers can use in their virtual instruction.

As a bonus, these asynchronous learning modules provide opportunities for professional learning. They can be used as a resource in common planning, provide additional support for teachers or leaders, and act as a pre-work assignment in conjunction with professional development meetings.

The self-study modules review:

Session 1: Planning for Virtual

- Key differences between planning for in-person and virtual learning
- Mindsets that impact planning for virtual learning
- How to use planning resources and NIET's rubric companion tool for virtual instruction to develop high-quality lessons

Session 2: Virtual Instruction

- What effective instructional practices look like in virtual teaching, with real examples
- How teachers in a virtual setting impact student achievement

Session 3: The Virtual Environment

- How to shift an exemplar learning environment to a virtual classroom
- Creating and facilitating an effective and engaging virtual learning environment

To access the self-study modules, visit LouisianaBelieves.com