



VITAL Educator Program

VIRTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF TEACHING & LEARNING



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What is the VITAL Educator Program?

- New York State Education Department has dedicated federal grant resources to improve opportunities for meaningful and effective virtual/hybrid learning.
- NYSED has partnered with Measurement, Inc., a professional development and technical assistance firm, to develop the Teaching Across Learning Environments (TALE) Academy.
- The VITAL Educator Program will build upon NYSED's ongoing efforts to promote opportunities to serve our students more equitably. By offering learning in a manner that transcends the where and when of teaching, we can truly reach all students in ways that match their unique needs.



Disclaimers

- Acceptance into the VITAL Educator Program is not yet final – it is still considered to be tentative.
- Until program acceptance is final NO work can be done as part of the VITAL Program.
- While the TALE Academy Modules and Resources are open to the public, and anyone may use them at any time, NO work can be done at this time as part of the VITAL Program.
- Any deadlines or timelines communicated in documents prior to 11/13/2023 are incorrect - updated program guidance will be sent ASAP.

Introductions

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VITAL Program Components

Two Program Parts

Part 1: Tale Academy Modules Training (Asynchronous) – 42 hours (approximately)

- DATES TBD
- Three required modules of 8-10 sessions each
- Quizzes at the end of each session result in CTLE credits

Part 2: Train-the-Trainer Coaching (Synchronous) – 25-32 hours (approximately)

- DATES TBD
- Coaching sessions
- Development of Training Plan for Professional Learning Community or Regional Event

VITAL Educator Tasks – Part 1

DATES TBD

Part 1: TALE Academy Modules Training - 45-50 hours

All VITAL Educators complete Module 1: Shifting to Teaching Across Learning Environments (excluding microcredential activities) as a pre-requisite to continuation in the program.

Additionally:

- **Each VITAL Educator will be assigned to complete a second module:** Family and Community Engagement (Module 5) **OR** Leading to Support Educators (Module 7)
- **Each VITAL Educator will be assigned one additional TALE Academy module, resulting in specialized trainer status:**
 - Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Across Learning Environments (Module 2)
 - Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities Across Learning Environments (Module 3)
 - Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners Across Learning Environments (Module 4)
 - Social Emotional Learning Across Learning Environments (Module 6)

VITAL Educator Tasks – Part 1, Cont.

DATES TBD

- Complete all sessions and activities for three modules
- Participate in one synchronous debrief session for each module (choice of three dates available per module).
- Complete Workbook Activities and Continuing Teacher Leader Education (CTLE) quizzes by:
 - 1st Module: DATES TBD
 - 2nd Module: DATES TBD
 - 3rd Module: DATES TBD
- Complete Artifacts/documentation (Microcredential Activities*) for two modules
- Contribute to Community Forum with comments/observations/ideas for fellow VITAL Educators.

** Note: No microcredentials will be awarded. Microcredential activities are only used to provide implementation opportunities.*

VITAL Educator Tasks – Part 2

DATES TBD

Part 2: Train-the-Trainer Coaching - 25-32 hours

- Participate in synchronous “Coaching Support Sessions” for implementation support.
- Participate in individualized coaching sessions and wraparound supports.
- Complete a training plan for a small or large group training event.
- Provide feedback and input on virtual instruction in focus groups.



Learning Content

Teaching Across Learning Environments (TALE) Academy

- Developed through partnership with Measurement, Inc. and Digital Promise
- Professional learning modules focusing on core competencies of virtual/hybrid instruction:
 1. Shifting to Teaching Across Learning Environments
 2. Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Education Across Learning Environments
 3. Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities Across Learning Environments
 4. Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners Across Learning Environments
 5. Family and Community Engagement
 6. Social Emotional Learning Across Learning Environments
 7. Leading to Support Educators

TALE Academy 

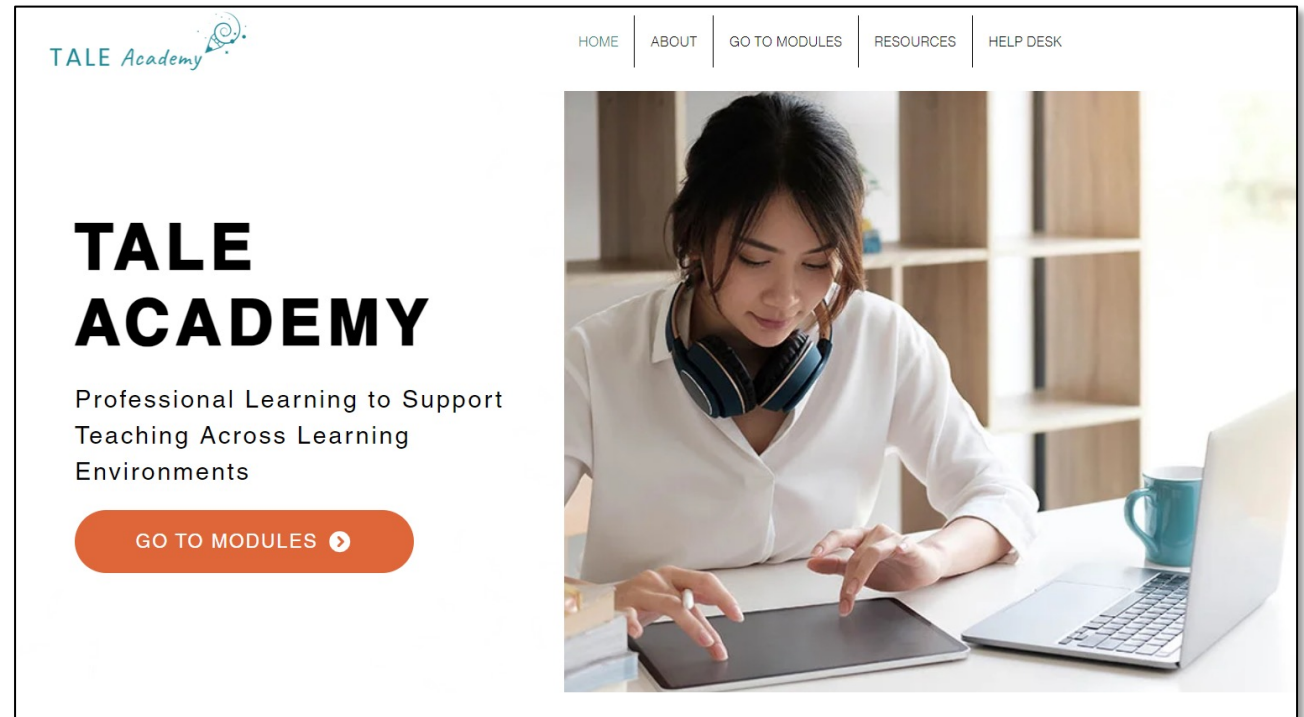


TALE Academy

The TALE Academy:

<https://www.tale-academy.com/>

- Overview of Website
- Overview of Module 1, Session 1





TALENT Learning Management System

TALENT LMS: [VITAL Educator Program | Home \(talentlms.com\)](https://talentlms.com)

- Overview of TALENT
- Registration
- CTLE Certification





July 2024 – Program Completion

At the completion of the program:

- Each participant will receive a stipend of \$14,500.00 (after completion of all necessary assignments and paperwork)
- VITAL Educators receive a distinction of VITAL Trainer from NYSED
- VITAL Trainers will be listed on NYSED website as approved to deliver trainings based on the TALE Academy resources for at least five years



Program Completion (cont.)

While there will be no further financial opportunities from NYSED, it is expected that you are able to **become a champion for the growth of virtual learning opportunities in New York**

Teachers

- Offer to perform turnkey trainings in your district
- Become a member of your district's technology committee

Administrators

- Develop and/or expand virtual learning programs in school/district
- Utilize TALE resources to prepare teachers during a faculty meeting

Support Staff

- Coach teachers on ways to infuse SEL into virtual courses
- Ensure necessary supports are in place for virtual-only students in your school/district

Staff Developers

- Conduct regional or district-wide turnkey trainings using TALE Academy resources

Teacher Preparation Faculty

- Advocate for requiring pre-service teachers to have preparation in virtual instruction
- Infuse TALE Academy resources into your curriculum



NEXT STEPS

- Complete all required documents for NYSED, send to: VITAL@nysed.gov
- If you require any support with accessibility, contact the program Help Desk.





Questions?

Still Have Questions Following this Orientation?

- Review the Orientation Recording: Posted to the *Resources* Page
- Contact Us:

General VITAL Program & Fiscal matters: [NYSED](#), VITAL@nysed.gov

TALE Academy Modules or the Train-the-Trainer program: [Noel Granger](#), ngranger@measinc.com

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THANK YOU!



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