

Assessment 101: Practical Steps to Better Assessment Practices

**PRESENTED BY****Tim Coates****SERIES SESSIONS**

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**LOCATION****St. Leo Centre - 6220 Lakeview Drive SW****FEE****\$50.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:**crc.info@aplc.ca[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)**REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:**crupd.ab.ca

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TARGET AUDIENCE: ALL EDUCATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

In the absence of good assessment practices, even the best curriculum and instruction is diminished. For this and other reasons assessment cannot be treated as an afterthought, but rather as a key element of an overall teaching strategy. "Assessment 101" is designed to provide practical strategies and approaches to making the best quality assessment instruments. The series will include discussion on how to most effectively use information gathered through assessing, to provide achievement information to students, parents, and other audiences. This session emphasizes the "practical" rather than the "theoretical" so that participants take home with them some tangible means to affect change in how they assess on a day-to-day basis.

Participants are encouraged to discuss their assessment issues related to topic addressed and how such issues may be best resolved.

Some of the topics that may be addressed are:

- ü Assessing for the big ideas
- ü Applying the principles of fair assessment
- ü Constructing rubrics and other scoring methods
- ü Crafting appropriate performance assessments
- ü Providing effective exemplars of student work

Presenters

Tim Coates

After a number of years in the classroom, Tim Coates was seconded to Alberta Education as a Diploma Examination Manager; first for Social Studies 33, and later for Social Studies 30. From 2005 until 2014 Tim was the Director of the Diploma Examination Program Branch. His final service to Alberta Education was as the coordinator of the Classroom Assessment Capacity project.

From 2009 until 2018 Tim served as a sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta, teaching a course in classroom assessment. Tim has offered many professional development presentations throughout Alberta and on occasion in the United States. He has been featured as a keynote speaker at district professional development and conventions. Tim's educational interests and expertise focus on how to make assessments that engage students and provide meaningful information.

