

## Building Better Assessments: A Hands-On Session (K-6)

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

Date	Time
October 23, 2018	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**LOCATION****FFCA - Learning Centre - 110 - 7000  
Railway St. SE****FEE****\$50.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:****[crc-register@arpc.ab.ca](mailto:crc-register@arpc.ab.ca)  
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### Program

**TARGET AUDIENCE: ALL K-6 TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

This session offers participants training in some of the finer points in building assessments combined with time to build new assessments. Participants will receive background guidance into best practices in designing and constructing assessments, interspersed with time to work on whatever assessment they are building. Participants are encouraged to share their work with their peers to benefit from constructive feedback to help refine their product.

The session will include guidance in the basics such as:

- Assessing for the big ideas
- Creating clear and concise instructions that promote student engagement
- Incorporating best practice principles in making performance assessments
- Constructing high-quality scoring methods, such as rubrics and rating scales
- Providing effective exemplars of student work
- Making high quality constructed response items

Participants should have a plan in place for what they intend to build prior to the session.

*This learning opportunity is being offered through curriculum implementation funding from Alberta Education.*

## 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.

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