

# **ELL Collaborative Community ~ Level Two**



**PRESENTED BY** 

Ciara Smith, Cora-Leah Schmitt & Kim Tackaberry



#### **SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
December 04, 2018	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
February 05, 2019	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM



LOCATION

FFCA - Learning Centre - 110 - 7000 Railway St. SE FEE

\$100.00

#### QUESTIONS?

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## **Program**

#### TARGET AUDIENCE: TEACHERS OR ELL LEADERS WITH TWO OR MORE YEARS EXPERIENCE SUPPORTING ELL

Share and learn about implementing a framework to support English Language Learners (ELLs) in the mainstream classroom. Ciara Smith, an ESL Consultant with Elk Island Catholic Schools, will take the lead in our ELL Collaborative Community this year. Join us and work with other Calgary and area educators to explore various frameworks focused on providing Sheltered Instruction practices in the mainstream setting.

Collaborative Community Session Outline:

- Introduction to various classroom frameworks
- Intentionally planning for ELLs by exploring:
  - Language Objectives
  - Making Content Accessible
  - Building Background Knowledge
  - Vocabulary Development
  - o Review & Assessment

In addition to two in-person sessions with Ciara Smith, participants will engage in two interactive webinars as part their own going learning. During the interactive webinars, participates will blog to:

- share resources and/or activities discussed in the previous in-person session
- discuss success/'wins' they've experience with implementation
- discuss challenges they've experience with implementation.

The webinars will be moderated by Cora-Leah Schmitt (Christ the Redeemer School District) and Kim Tackaberry.

This Level 2 Collaborative Community is designed for classroom teachers and ELL Leaders who have a solid understanding of second language acquisition who are searching for ways to structure their lessons to better support ELLs. Participants will come away with a rich set of tools, resources, and learning activities that they can use to target ELL instruction in a manageable way.

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

### **Presenters**

#### Ciara Smith

has worked as a classroom teacher, an ELL Instructional Coach, and ESL Consultant in her ten years as an educator. During this time, she has taught at both the middle school and high school levels. Ciara completed her M. Ed in 2017 in the area of Educational Leadership with a focus on English Language Learners. After her graduate work, Ciara attained both her certification in TEFL and TEYL to further her understanding of how to better support English Language Learners. Ciara is currently working as an ESL Consultant for Elk Island Catholic School District.

#### Cora-Leah Schmitt

is currently the Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction. She has worked in various capacities in both rural and urban school divisions including classroom teacher, school administration and several central office positions. Her portfolios over the past several years have always included English Language Learners, an area she is deeply passionate about, and she is excited to be a part of this learning opportunity for teachers!

#### Kim Tackaberry

is a Designer of Professional Learning with the Calgary Regional Consortium. Her areas of focus include literacy and inclusive education. She is presently continuing her Master of Education Studies at Queen's University, specializing in literacy. Kim's teaching career spans over 30 years, ten as a classroom teacher at Foothills Academy Society, a school specializing in children with Learning Disabilities and ADHD. Kim has designed several e-courses for teachers, titles include *Learning Disabilities* and *Introduction to Literacy and Numeracy Progressions*.



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