

Universal Design for Learning Credentials

Universal Design for Learning

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. The UDL framework guides the design of instructional goals, assessments, methods, and materials that can be customized and adjusted to meet individual needs.

Credentials

Though the UDL framework has been widely adopted across the globe, it can be a challenge to assess if individuals are truly implementing it. The CAST UDL Credentials can help.

Our credentialing program helps to stimulate, support, and sustain best practices in utilizing UDL. The Credentials support growth in inclusive practices in educational contexts and also provide a baseline criteria for implementation.

The three updated credentials provide an opportunity for participants to gain feedback on their understanding, analysis, and application of UDL.



Credential 1 Mindset

This introductory credential covers the key concepts of UDL, such as variability, barriers, and expert learning, and serves as the perfect starting point for a UDL credential journey.



Credential 2 Analysis

In this credential, participants analyze a real-world scenario and determine how the design reduces barriers, supports learner variability, and connects to the UDL Guidelines.



Credential 3 Application

Participants plan, implement, gather feedback, and revise their own design of a learning experience (i.e., lesson) using UDL. This credential supports participants to work through the UDL design process, or the intentional planning of the goal, assessment(s), materials, methods, and physical environment.

Benefits of Earning a Credential

The field-tested CAST UDL Credentials offer participants the opportunity for individualized, personalized feedback from a UDL expert. Participants can demonstrate their knowledge in a manner that is best for them, and they can deepen their learning through model examples and links to additional resources. The Credentials are flexible and can be taken in any order depending on the participant's needs and interests.

Credentials are ideal for anyone – educators, instructors, coaches, and administrators – who wants to learn more about UDL or verify their UDL knowledge. We hope earning the UDL Credentials helps support growth in inclusive practices to meet the needs of all learners.

About CAST

CAST is a multifaceted organization with a singular ambition: Bust the barriers to learning that millions of people experience every day. We do this by helping educators and organizations apply insights from the learning sciences and leading-edge practices to educational design and implementation.



To learn more:

- 🌐 Contact us at pl@cast.org
- 📍 Visit cast.org to learn more

