

CAST | Professional Learning

CAST is renowned for its innovative professional development on Universal Design for Learning. Whether you are implementing at the individual, team, school, or district level, we offer hands-on opportunities that empower you to take control of your own learning through instructional rounds, lesson design studios, design thinking activities, and other learner-centered protocols.

For Schools, Districts, & States

CAST's Professional Learning team trains administrators, instructional coaches, and preK-12 educators to lead large scale implementation of UDL. You will not only learn how to transform teaching with UDL, but also how to use it systemically to close achievement gaps, include students with IEPs, support English Learners, and strengthen school culture. Our innovative model builds your own internal capacity, leaving schools and districts with the expertise to lead for long-term change.

For Individuals & Teams

Energize your practice with one of CAST's cutting edge classes. Whether you want to improve your classroom teaching or transform an entire district, our learner-centered classes give you the hands-on, practical experience you will need to breathe new life into your work.



"I have been teaching for 15 years and my time spent learning about UDL through CAST has been the most meaningful professional development I have ever experienced."

—Teacher, New Hampshire



"You are modeling for us what we can, and should, do with our students. This is very effective and powerful."

—Teacher, Palm Springs, California



Training Opportunities

Large Scale Implementation

CAST will work with you to design a personalized, multi-year UDL training and implementation plan. Our three-pronged model prepares administrators to systemically apply UDL to school- and district-wide structures, ensuring that all students are academically successful. It equips instructional coaches with the skills to lead long-term, innovative professional development that builds educator capacity. And it deeply trains a corps of early adopter educators to apply UDL to their classroom practice. The goal of this unique model is to provide the school or district with the internal capacity to continue improvement long after CAST leaves.

Workshops

These highly interactive virtual or in-person experiences are ideal for schools or districts who would like to put the UDL Guidelines into practice. Workshops can cover the basics of UDL, provide deeper dives into the Guidelines and lesson planning, or integrate UDL with MTSS or DE&I initiatives. We can customize workshops to the unique needs of your school or district.

Speaking Engagements

CAST's learning scientists, education researchers, curriculum developers, and other experts provide sought-after speaking engagements on a range of topics related to UDL.

Sample Keynote and Breakout Session Topics:

- Welcome to UDL
- UDL and Equitable Environments
- UDL and Accessibility
- UDL Guidelines Deep Dive
- Instructional Rounds to Support UDL Application
- Schoolwide UDL Implementation

Have a specific topic in mind? CAST will work with you to design a presentation or session that is relevant and engaging.

CAST Classes

These interactive, boutique-style experiences are for preK-12 teachers and education leaders who would like to increase their understanding of UDL and develop an action plan for applying UDL to their classroom, school, or district.

Sign up on your own or as part of a small group. You can learn basics of UDL or boost your practice by diving more deeply into the Guidelines. Learn how to coach and empower others on UDL, or learn about the phases of implementation and write a multi-year UDL implementation plan.

Online Courses

Prefer to learn on your own schedule? CAST offers three self-paced online course, with both facilitated and unfacilitated options available. Participants will learn the foundational concepts of UDL and how to implement UDL design into their practice, strategies for evaluating and improving lessons, and techniques for applying UDL principles to the design of lessons and units.



Events

Attend one of CAST's regularly scheduled events to learn more about UDL, hear from industry thought leaders, and network with colleagues.

Annual Symposium

CAST's annual UDL Symposium is an opportunity for educators to explore the intersections between UDL and larger topics in education through design labs, breakout sessions, roundtable discussions, research presentations, and networking opportunities.

Annual UDL-IRN International Summit

The UDL-IRN International Summit is designed to meet the needs of UDL experts and novices alike. With multiple learning platforms, including informal networking sessions, in-depth pre-conference sessions, design labs, formal workshops, UDL Talks, and asynchronous sessions, the Summit strives to meet the learning preferences of each attendee.

Credentials

Demonstrate your knowledge and showcase your skills by earning a UDL credential and/or certification from CAST.



Are you interested in moving your school or district forward with Universal Design for Learning?

Contact CAST to learn more about our relevant and engaging professional development opportunities.

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