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# COVER LESS, LEARN MORE

A Virtual Professional Learning Institute

**JULY 15-17, 2020** *facilitated by Laura Terrill*

What is essential? A time of unprecedented change gives educators a chance to rethink what they do and why they do it. Paradigm shifts related to curriculum, instruction and assessment occur not for the sake of change, but because current reality is different. This workshop will highlight 2 key principles from the Coalition of Essential Schools. “Less is more” and “student as worker, teacher as coach” in order to gain insights into what might be possible as we move forward. Apply these principles by determining essential functions with unit and lesson goals that address the start of what may be a very different school year. Design lessons that address the 3 modes for implementation in the classroom or online.

## Workshop Outcomes

- I can identify essential functions for my program when the focus is proficiency.
- I can design curriculum with a focus on the first unit of the new school year.
- I can design lessons that address the three modes of communication for implementation in the classroom or online.

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

This is a **synchronous online institute**. The schedule includes daily synchronous presentations as well as time for independent or partner/group work and a break for lunch. The entire institute will take place using Zoom as well as Google Drive. Registrants should be comfortable with using these tools to support their professional learning.

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM** Focus Presentation

**12:30 PM – 02:00 PM** Small Group or Independent Work Time

**02:00 PM – 03:00 PM** Presentation & Feedback

**03:00 PM – 04:00 PM** Facilitated Discussion Session

all times listed are Eastern Time



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