



7 Ways to Pick PD to Fit Your Personal Plan This Summer!

1. Look at online learning options to improve your understanding of instruction in the digital space.

Online learning is here to stay in some capacity, and part of improving your digital instruction is experiencing it! **Advancement Courses** offers over 280 self-paced, online professional development courses.

2. Appraise your own strengths and weaknesses.

Be reflective. Consider where you excel and where you could use improvement. Think not only about the new pedagogy, but also about the technical expertise you need to design, build, and execute lessons. **Courses to consider:** [Designing Blended Learning for Student Engagement and Achievement](#) and [Flipping Your Classroom: Redefining Homework and Instruction](#).

3. Outline your concerns and desires for your students in the coming year(s).

It's also important to consider not only the skills you'll need for next year, but also the challenges your students will face. This may move beyond pedagogy and into the social-emotional needs you will have to support. **Courses to consider:** [Strategies for Addressing Student Anxiety](#) and [Helping Students Overcome Trauma](#).

4. Consider how you can support your school community.

If you feel ready for the coming school year, it's also good to consider where you could extend to support your whole school community. This is a good approach to take if you are or hope to be a teacher leader. **Courses to consider:** [The Role of Technology in an Inclusive Classroom](#), [Building Your School's Brand](#), and [Curbing Disruptive Behavior](#).

5. Remember, you are a priority!

Taking care of yourself is valuable to your students and every community to which you belong. A healthy you makes for a strong teacher. Consider taking courses to support this. Additionally, do not forget licensure needs! **Courses to consider:** [Self-Care Strategies for Teachers](#), [From Burnout to Productivity: Creating a Path for Teacher Wellness](#), and [Becoming a Calm, Happy Teacher](#).

6. Dive into something you are passionate about.

Bringing your passion or interests into the classroom can help you engage students and introduce them to new concepts. You can bring in new content ideas or new teaching approaches! **Courses to consider:** [Using Hunger Games to Teach Science Fiction](#), [Teaching Life Skills and Financial Literacy](#), and [Using Dr. Seuss to Teach STEM Skills](#).



7. Pick a model that meets your needs and learning style.

Consider what you need. Do you want to attend weekly meetings or should you consider an asynchronous model that you can work on that best fits your schedule? Consider other factors as well: Do you need partners or a cohort to motivate you? Take courses together! **Check out Advancement Courses to explore all your options for online professional development!**