

IO20-58 Building Better Assessments - A Hands-On Series

**PRESENTED BY****Tim Coates****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
February 10, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
March 16, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
April 27, 2020	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**LOCATION****J.R. Robson School BTPS Training Center -
5102 - 46 Street****FEE****\$335.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:****780-623-2248****REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:****Ines.ca**

Program

This professional learning series, offers participants training in some of the finer points in building assessments, combined with time to build new assessments. Participants will receive background guidance into best practices in designing and constructing assessments, interspersed with time to work on assessments they are building/wish to build. Participants are encouraged to share their work progress with their peers to benefit from constructive feedback to help refine their product. The session will include guidance in the basics such as:

- ☑ Assessing for the big ideas
- ☑ Creating clear and concise instructions that promote student engagement
- ☑ Incorporating best practice principles in making performance assessments
- ☑ Constructing high-quality scoring methods, such as rubrics and rating scales
- ☑ Providing effective exemplars of student work
- ☑ Making high quality constructed response items

To maximize this professional learning support, participants should have a plan in place for what they intend to build, prior to arriving!

This learning opportunity is being offered through a grant from Alberta Education.

Presenters

Tim Coates

After a number of years in the classroom, Tim Coates was seconded to Alberta Education as a Diploma Examination Manager; first for Social Studies 33, and later for Social Studies 30. From 2005 until 2014 Tim served as the Director of the Diploma Examination Program Branch.

Currently Tim is both a sessional lecturer at the University of Alberta-teaching a course in classroom assessment-and an education consultant providing sessions and workshops on various assessment related topics.

Tim has offered many professional development presentations throughout Alberta and on several occasions in the United States. Tim's educational interests and expertise focus on matters regarding the relationship among assessment, programs of studies outcomes, and instructional practices. He has special interest in working with teachers and school authorities on how to maximize the quality of assessment practices, how to minimize assessment error, ensure an appropriate application of standards, and establish the most appropriate means to report assessment results to multiple assessment "audiences."

In his spare time, Tim raises a small flock of free-range chickens, and has been known to bring along a dozen eggs to sessions, as a prize for a lucky participant.

Registration Notes

Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch for all 3 days.