

UWSI Education Redesign Overview



The History

Past + Present = Future



- ❖ Take the best of former onsite programming
- ❖ Add in what works well from the Field Path
- ❖ Include the needs of today's learners

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Teaching Foundations

BENEFITS OF COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION IN PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

How are these CBE rubrics valuable to teachers using project-based learning to increase achievement?

1

GROWTH

Shifts the conversation from compliance to growth

AGENCY

Leaves room for students to have greater say in how they want to demonstrate target skills

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PACE

Allows students to progress at their own pace without comparing themselves to peers or introducing failure

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EFFICIENCY

Less time tracking work leaves more time guiding students through an authentic inquiry-based experience

PORTABILITY

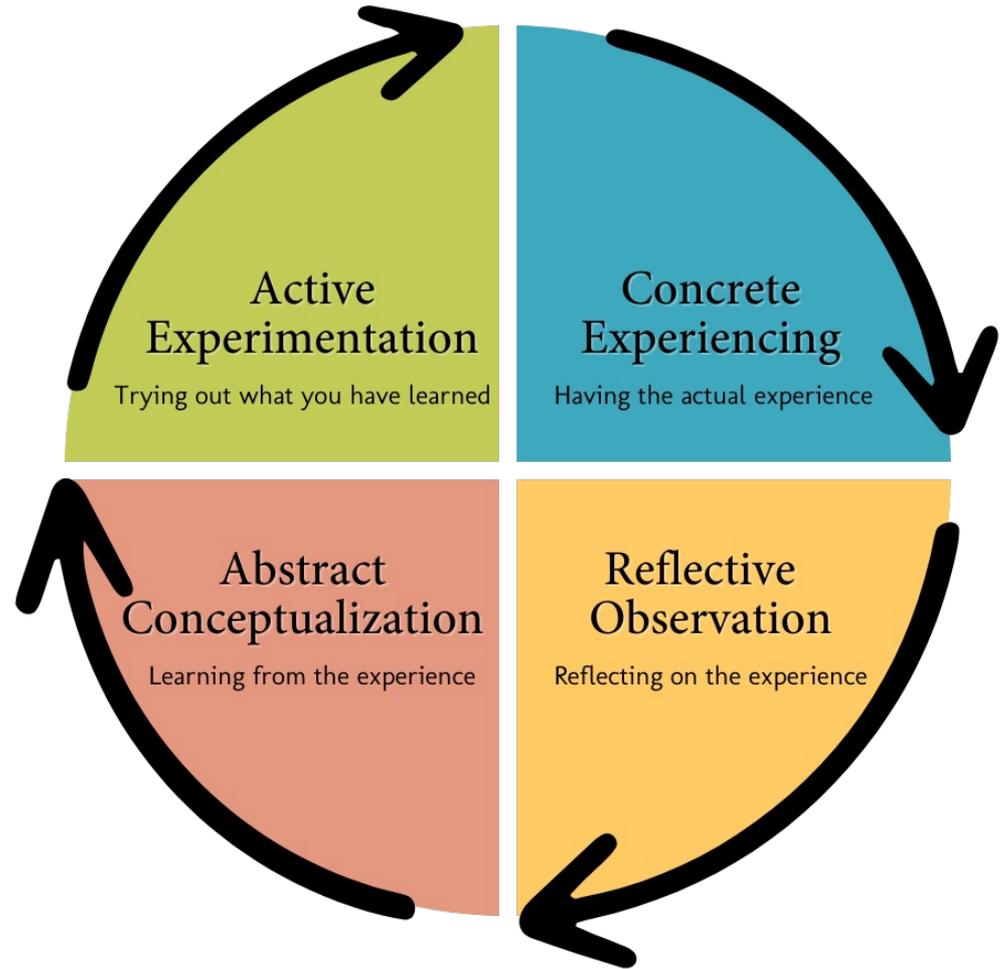
CBE rubrics become benchmarks for skills that transfer across settings, allowing teachers to meet students where they are and save valuable time

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Competency Based Learning

Kolb's Experiential Learning Cycle

*Used to create Immersive
Experiences*



Understanding Experiential Learning

1

The principles of experiential learning are grounded in the idea that individuals learn best through direct, hands-on experiences.

Active Engagement

Learning is most effective when individuals actively engage with the content.





Reflection

Students are encouraged to analyze and interpret their experiences, gaining meaningful insights and understanding

Concrete Experience

Learning involves direct, tangible experiences rather than abstract concepts.





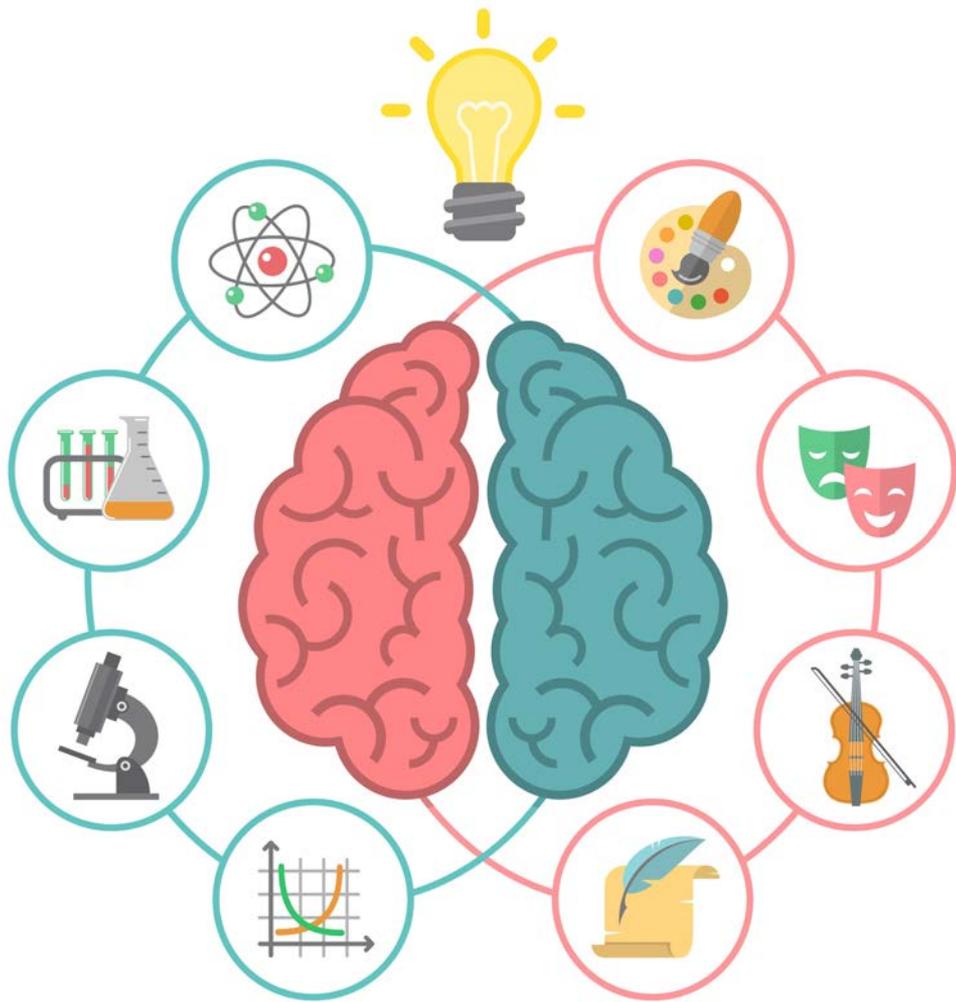
Immediate Application

The goal is to combine theory with practice, ensuring that learning is relevant and useful.

Active Experimentation

*Learners are encouraged to apply
the new knowledge and skills in
different ways.*





Personalized Learning

Tailoring experiences to the needs and interests of learners enhances the effectiveness of experiential learning.

Instructor As Facilitator

Instructors play a role as facilitators, guiding the learning process rather than dictating information.





Collaboration & Interaction

Group activities and interactive experiences promote shared knowledge and diverse perspectives.

Progressive Complexity

*Building on foundational
knowledge, learners take on more
challenging tasks as they
progress.*





Continuous Feedback

Constructive feedback helps learners refine their understanding and skills throughout the learning journey.

Benefits of Experiential Learning

2

Enhanced Retention

Learners are more likely to remember and apply concepts encountered in real-world scenarios.



Development of Critical Thinking Skills

Learners develop the skills to analyze situations, make decisions, and adapt to changing circumstances.



Improved Motivation and Engagement

Learners are more motivated to explore and understand topics when they can see the real-world relevance.



Application of Knowledge in Real-world Contexts

*Experiential learning bridges the gap
between theory and practice.*



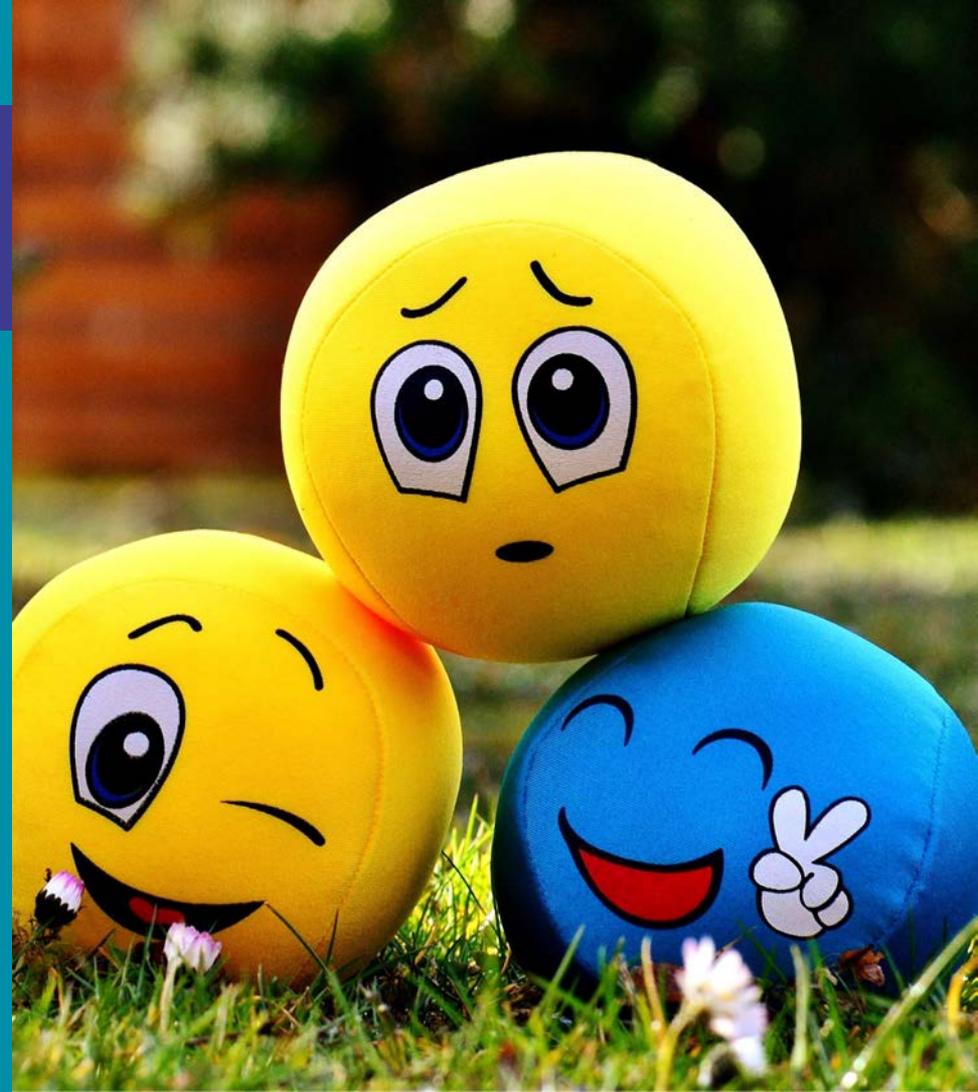
Holistic Understanding

This multifaceted approach contributes to a deeper and more nuanced comprehension of subject matter.



Development of Soft Skills

Learners develop interpersonal skills that are valuable in both academic and professional settings.



Increased Self-confidence

*Successfully navigating real-world
challenges builds self-confidence.*



Preparation for the Workforce

Graduates are better prepared for the demands of the workforce, having already gained practical skills and experiences.



Long-lasting Impact

The memorable nature of hands-on activities contributes to a sustained interest in the subject matter.



Adaptability and Flexibility

Learners become more flexible in their thinking and better equipped to handle dynamic and evolving situations.



Intrinsic Motivation

The joy of discovery and accomplishment becomes a driving force for continued learning.



Growth Mindset and Lifelong Learning

Individuals become more open to exploring new ideas and acquiring knowledge beyond formal educational settings.



Experiential Learning Strategies

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- Internships, Apprenticeships, Mentorships
- Case Studies and Practicums
- Virtual Scenarios and Simulations

- Role-playing
- Virtual Field Trips
- Project-Based Learning

- Service Learning
- Interactive Workshops
- Problem-Based Learning



The Programs

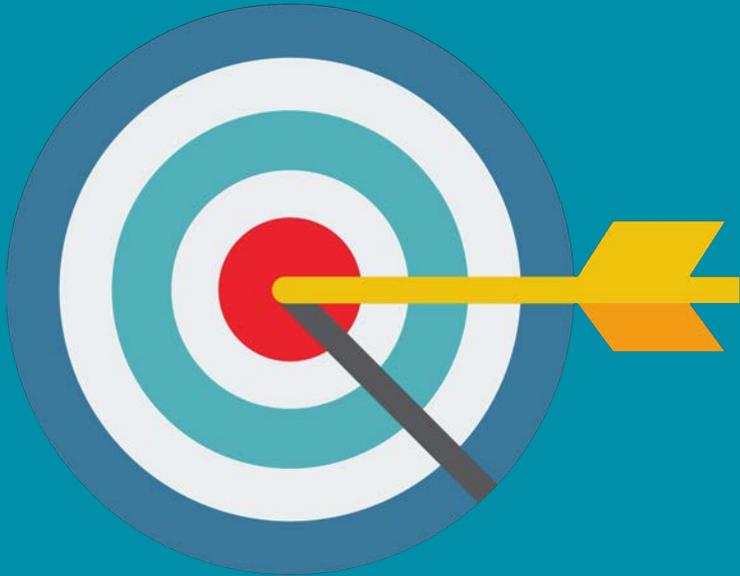
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Credentialing Prerequisites

Preparing Learners for Success!



Credentialing Prerequisites Focus



Begins in June 2025

Not a Cohort Format

Courses completed in 1 year

Credit good for 5 years



Credentialing Prerequisites Focus



Immersive Experiences

UWSI offering SEE in 2024

**Field Ministries can
continue to offer SEE
Courses**

2

Licensed Unity Teacher Program

Teaching Skills & Leadership Development



Focus of the LUT program is Teaching Skills & Leadership Development

- LUTs are now voting members
- Many LUTs are leading ministries
- All other LUT focus areas will move into the certificate program
- Courses will be designed as competency based immersive experiences
- Each will be 5-weeks long
- New content offered June 2025

Credentialing Prerequisites

Unity Teaching (6-wks)



Prayer & Meditation
(4-wks)



Bible Basics (10-wks)



Unity in Action (10-wks)



Self-Development Skills
(10-wks)



Ministry Exploration &
Development (10-wks)

LUT Path Immersive Experiences

Support for the Soul

Advanced Prayer & Meditation

Adult Education

Diversity/Inclusivity

Ministry Administration

Metaphysics

Art of Teaching

Bible Interpretation

Inspirational Messaging

Leadership Development

Online Teaching/Technology

A Spirit of Generosity

Terms

Summer

Fall

Winter

3

M&RS Program

M&RS Overview

Moving to Canvas: *June 2024*

Current Students: *7 students – Cohort based on needs;
Projected graduation June 2025*

New Student: *17 students – Will form 2 cohorts; projected
graduation 2026*

Summer Residency: *Convention 2024 – “Support for
the Soul” - Led by Cohort Leaders*

Cohort Leader Responsibilities

- Ministerial Development Plan
- Provides Support
- Credentialing Progress Reviews
- Additional Skill Development
- Provides Guidance

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M&RS Immersive Experiences

Residencies

Terms

Year 1

1. Support for the Soul (10-wks)

Summer Residency

Summer #1

2a. Group Dynamics (5-wks)
2b. Inclusivity (5-wks)

Fall #1

3a. Transformative Teaching/Bible
3b. YFM Foundations (4-wks)

Winter Residency

Winter #1

4. Inspirational Messaging (10-wks)

Spring #1

Year 2

5a. Leadership Skill Dev (6-wks)
5b. Care & Connection (4-wks)

Summer Residency

Summer #2

6. Ministry Administration

Fall #2

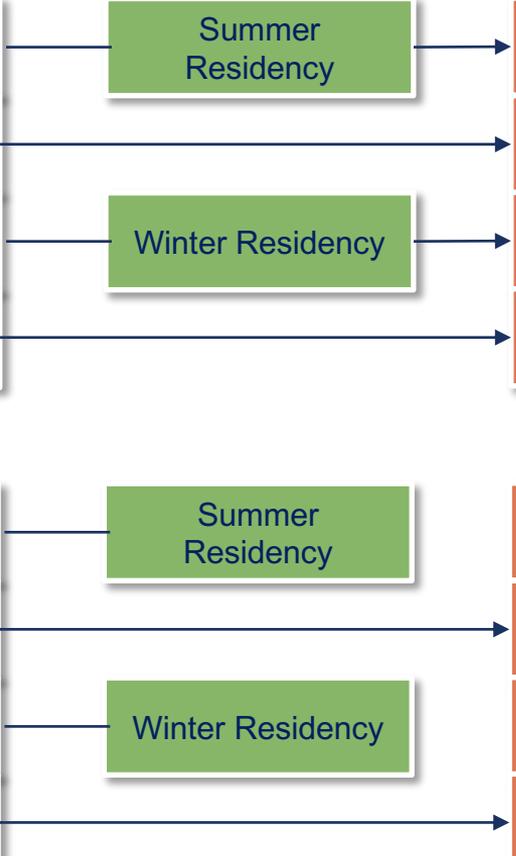
7a. Use of Technology (5-wks)
7b. Marketing (5-wks)

Winter Residency

Winter #2

8. Ministry Integration(10-wks)

Spring #2





Credentialing



Credentialing Support

In addition to progress interviews/credentialing events, Credentialing will receive the following on each student:

Facilitator Evaluations/Student/Course

Cohort Leader Input/Student

ePortfolio Demos of Competencies

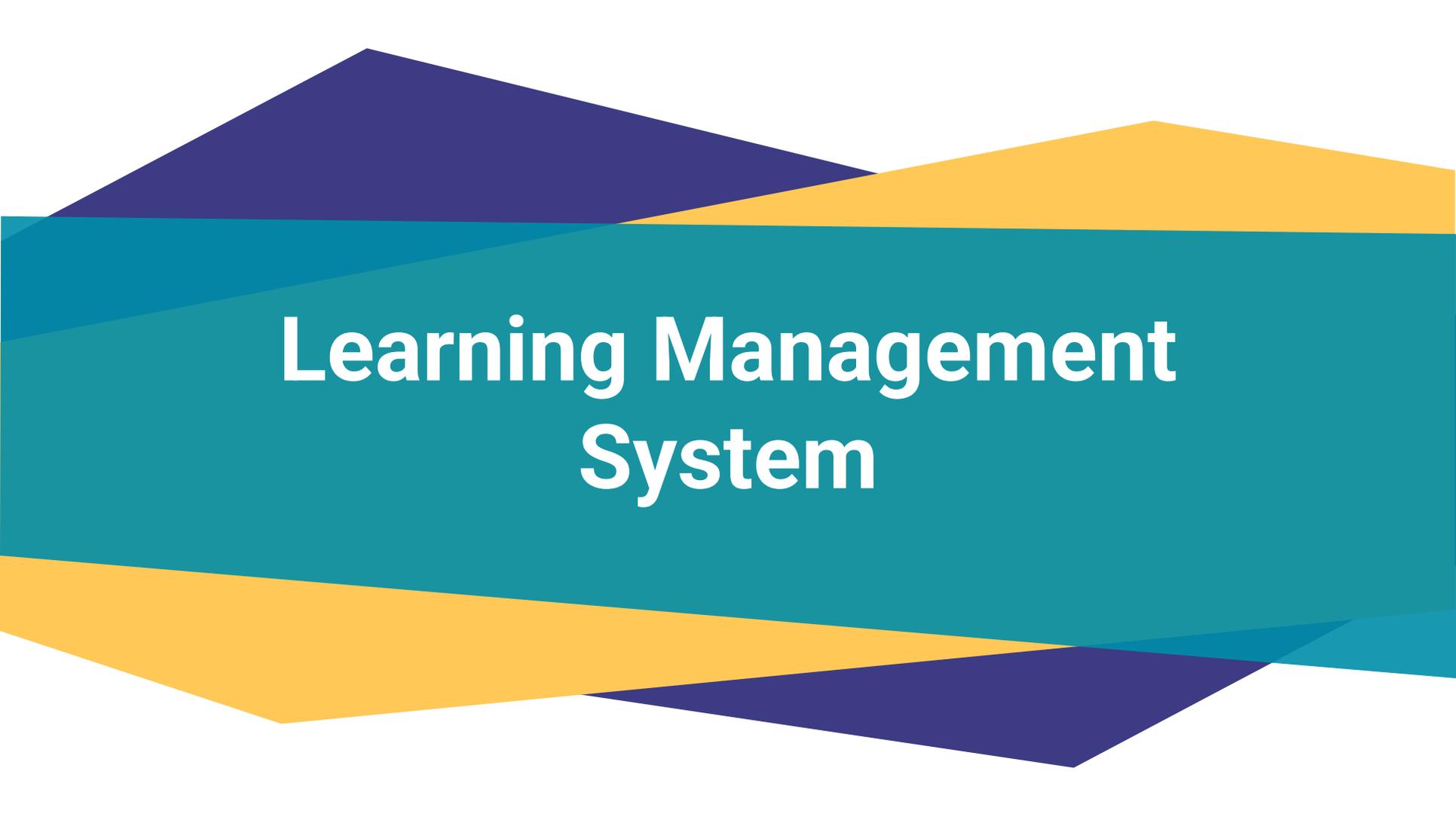
Additional Credential Requirements

**Additional Courses/Events to Complete
Prior to Graduation/Ordination.**

UWM Overview

The Power of Focused Ministry

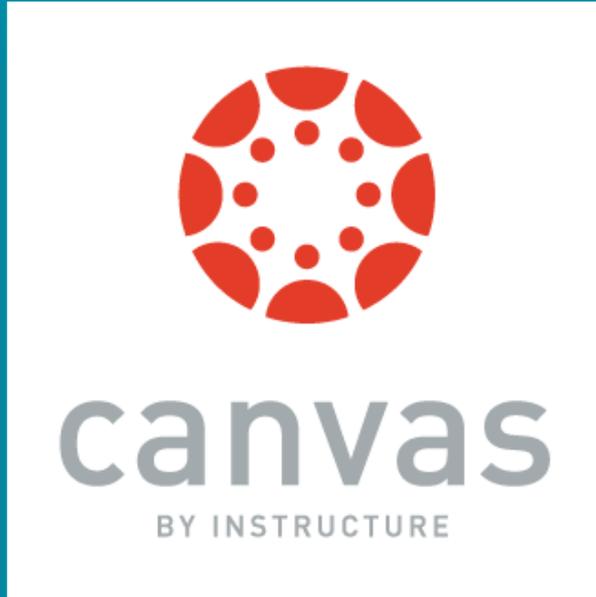
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Learning Management System



Canvas

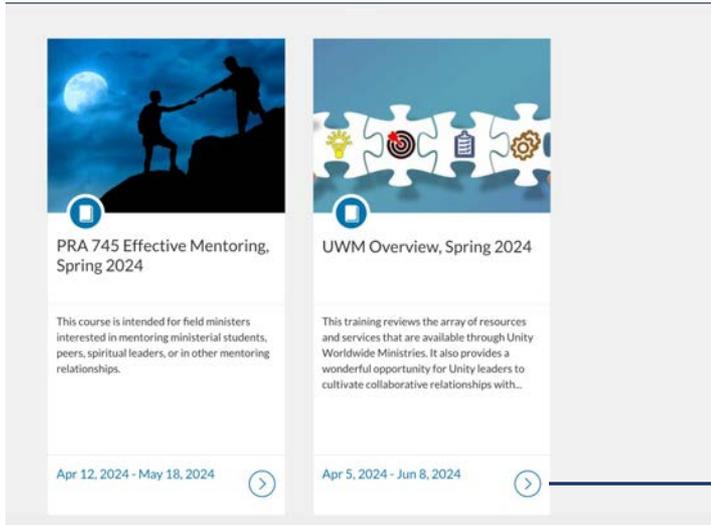


Canvas Catalog:
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Canvas:
Contains Course Content

Canvas Credentials:
Contains Learning Pathways
& Badging System

Canvas Catalog: Registration System



PRA 745 Effective Mentoring, Spring 2024

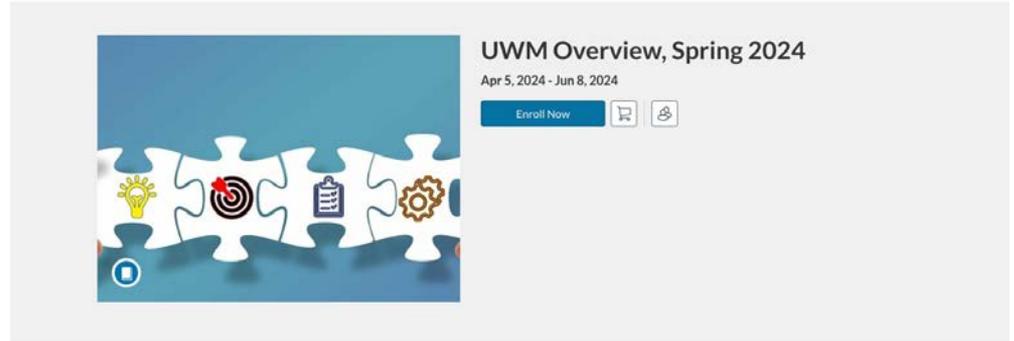
This course is intended for field ministers interested in mentoring ministerial students, peers, spiritual leaders, or in other mentoring relationships.

Apr 12, 2024 - May 18, 2024

UWM Overview, Spring 2024

This training reviews the array of resources and services that are available through Unity Worldwide Ministries. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for Unity leaders to cultivate collaborative relationships with...

Apr 5, 2024 - Jun 8, 2024



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Enroll Now

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Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course learners will be able to:

- Identify the key services offered by Unity Worldwide Ministries, as well as the staff member to contact within each department
- Explore the resources and support provided by each department
- Make use of the resources to foster continued growth and development of your ministry
- Team with UWM to share the Unity message

Weekly Live Sessions

All times Central Time (CT) Zone

April 2024

1. Tuesday, April 9 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, April 16 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
3. Tuesday, April 23 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
4. Tuesday, April 30 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

May 2024

5. Tuesday, May 7 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
6. Tuesday, May 14 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
7. Tuesday, May 21 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Canvas: Course Content



Course Description

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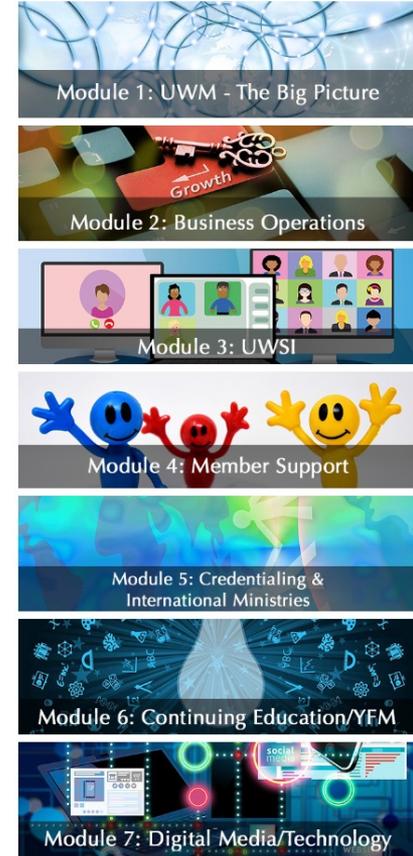
To Receive Credit

To receive credit for this course you need to attend all 7 live sessions. If you are unable to attend a live session, you are required to do the following in order to receive credit:

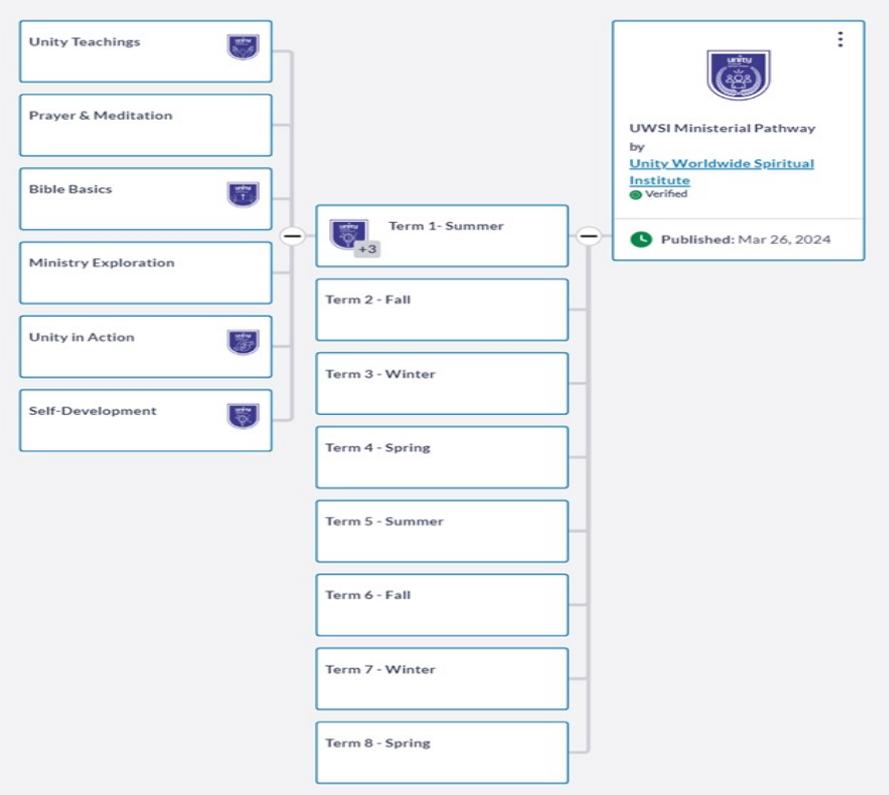
- Watch the recording of the Live Session
- Write a short synopsis of the content and how the content will impact your ministry
- Send to dvenzera@unity.org before the end of the course.

Course Modules

The course is divided into 7 modules, each containing learning assignments, discussion questions, graded assignments, and other tools to help guide the learning process.



Canvas Credentials: Pathways



Canvas Credentials: Badging

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Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute

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