

Connecting the CLASS Framework with Teacher Education: Focusing on Effective Interactions within Existing Programs

Why make the connection?

- Effective teacher-child interactions boost academic and social development for children, according to multiple peer-reviewed studies.
- Future teachers will be more confident and prepared for real-world challenges, with a solid foundation in these effective teaching practices.
- CLASS™-based concepts are easily integrated into existing courses and field experiences.

What resources are available?

Options below range from introductory to more comprehensive programs:

CLASS Dimensions Guides—Booklets describing CLASS domains and dimensions

- Use as a supplemental text to introduce effective interactions.
- Students study and discuss specific dimensions, indicators, and behaviors, drawing connections to field experiences where appropriate.

Video Library—Videos of exemplary teaching aligned with the CLASS framework

- Use videos of real teachers to introduce effective interactions.
- Students observe, identify, and document examples from the Video Library, drawing connections to field experiences where appropriate.
- Students report back and discuss their observations.

CLASS Discussion Toolkit—A package of *CLASS Dimensions Guides*, Video Library subscriptions, and the *Video Library Companion* discussion guide

- Use *CLASS Dimensions Guides* and the Video Library to introduce CLASS concepts as noted above.
- Use the *Video Library Companion* to facilitate in-depth discussions.

Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMCI)—Face-to-face course

- Teachstone trains and supports instructors and provides all materials.
- Instructors provide a series of ten 2-hour MMCI sessions to students.

Additional Options

- Introduction to the CLASS Tool—two hours, online
- Looking at CLASSrooms—a more in-depth online program
- CLASS Observation Training—face-to-face program for faculty, field supervisors, and others interested in observing and evaluating teaching practice
- MyTeachingPartner™ Coaching—a research-based, intensive coaching program proven to boost effective classroom interactions and improve child outcomes

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