

## **A New Course from Insight Education Group and Knowledge Delivery Systems to Take Educators Beyond the Instructional Shifts**

Preparing students for college and career with five research-proven Core Practices

**NEW YORK – Jan. 15, 2015** – Educators across the country face a daunting challenge: implementing new standards that are considerably different than those in place even two or three years ago. While there’s great promise in College-and Career-Readiness Standards (CCRS) to prepare students for success beyond graduation, teachers are looking for deeper support to implement them effectively.

Recognizing this need, [Knowledge Delivery Systems, Inc. \(KDS\)](#) and [Insight Education Group](#), both leaders in professional development and educator effectiveness, have developed a transformational online course that helps teachers bring effective practices to life in their classrooms.

Launching this month, “[Shifting Instruction with the Five Core Practices](#)” is based on the [Insight Core Framework](#) and the research-proven strategies that promote deeper thinking and reasoning called for in the CCRS to ensure that all students are college and career ready after graduation.

“The Core Practices use the common language of the CCRS to help teachers better understand what they can do to promote the skills and habits of mind students need for success,” said Dr. Michael Moody, founder and CEO of Insight. “This course gives teachers tangible examples of what a college- and career-ready student really looks like, while helping them recognize and implement the key instructional practices that result in student success.”

The course offers educators an in-depth, self-paced professional learning opportunity, delivered on a high-caliber KDS platform, and includes engaging exercises that can be applied directly to their classroom practices, as well as frequent opportunities for self-assessment.

Through interviews with Insight experts, videos of teachers modeling the Core Practices in authentic classrooms and interactive exercises, educators will identify the areas of their practice that are strong, and those areas that need to be further developed. By the end of this course, teachers will have designed lesson plans that incorporate each of the five high-impact Core Practices directly into their daily classroom practices.

Additional course features include interactive activities with illustrations and diagrams, video of the Core Practices and effective instruction in action, and commentary from experienced educators.

Teachers also have the option of taking the course for CEU and graduate hour credit.

“In order for College- and Career-Readiness Standards to work and for students to leave school truly prepared for the world, teachers need applicable tools that can transform instructional practices,” said Alvin Crawford, CEO of KDS. “We are excited to team up with Insight Education Group to help districts and schools put their students on the path to success.”

### **About Knowledge Delivery Systems**

Knowledge Delivery Systems (KDS) is the leading provider of research-based, blended-model strategic professional development solutions for districts, schools, and teachers. KDS’ mission is to help school districts and states transform professional development to dramatically improve teacher effectiveness and raise student achievement. KDS solutions systematically build district-wide capacity to address their most important challenges - closing the achievement gap, Common Core instruction and assessments, cultural competency, diverse learners and differentiation, coaching and instructional leadership, and 1-to-1 classrooms. KDS online courses are developed by the nation’s leading education experts and researchers and are delivered on the KDS Professional Learning Platform (PLP). The PLP leverages the effectiveness of learning communities to provide the latest collaborative and virtual learning tools and personalized learning experiences to make educator learning engaging, convenient and social. For more information, visit <http://www.kdsi.org>.

### **About Insight Education Group**

Insight Education Group supports the growth of teachers and school leaders through targeted professional learning services and integrated technology solutions. Insight was founded to support teachers in the implementation of standards-based instruction, and their mission remains the same today. For nearly 15 years, Insight has partnered with schools, districts, charters, states and education organizations across the country to understand their challenges and provide matching solutions that get results. By focusing on supporting educators’ practices and helping them grow, Insight is committed to ensuring every student has a great teacher. For more information, visit [www.insighteducationgroup.com](http://www.insighteducationgroup.com).

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