

International Education and Resource Network (iEARN) Teacher Professional Development Opportunities

IEARN (www.iearn.org) is a global education network of teachers and students doing collaborative curricular projects using new technologies. In Washington State, schools are participating in iEARN as a way to bring the world to their classrooms and their classrooms to the world. The goal of iEARN is for students to understand curricular content and concepts from global perspectives and apply what they learn to make positive differences in their world today and in the future.

Today's students are part of an interconnected, interdependent world. It is critically important that their education include understanding social studies, science, math, language arts, creative arts, world languages, and service learning with global as well as local, state and national perspective and experiences.

Teacher professional development is key to bringing global learning experiences into the education of children and youth. IEARN online courses provide opportunities for educators to learn how to build international connections into their curricula and learn to do so in collaboration with teachers from around the world.

IEARN (International Education and Resource Network) is approved as a Clock Hour Agency. IEARN offers the following seven different online courses. By taking any of these courses you can earn the Clock Hours for teacher professional development.

Washington State clock hour offering:

1. Creative Writing
2. Creative Arts
3. Social Studies
4. Science, Environment, Math
5. English as Second Language
6. Learning Circle
7. Helping Students Cope with Trauma
8. Moving Voices: Global Collaboration through Student Video Production

Please go to: <http://iearn.org/professional/index.html> to read about each course description. Go to: <http://www.iearn.org/professional/online.html> to read about how the courses work and prerequisites of for course participants. You will also find the online registration link in this page. The link for learning about Moving Voices is : <http://www.iearn.org/professional/movingvoices.html>

The next session of the courses will start in February 21, 2004. The online registration will open in January. The space for each course is limited and fills up quickly! Please sign up!