



ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE

VIRTUAL AND ONSITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

English learning students represent the fastest growing student population in the United States. As larger numbers of English learners enter schools, educators, school leaders, and school staff are finding it increasingly necessary to possess a repertoire of instructional skills that meet the unique academic needs of these students.

In an effort to assist your schools and (arch)diocese in serving culturally and linguistically diverse students, the English as a New Language (ENL) team at the University of Notre Dame offers virtual and onsite professional development that is customizable, incorporates both theory and best practice, and is delivered through a blend of keynote presentations and workshop sessions. ENL professional development is led by a team of national ENL experts, consisting of members of the ENL faculty and staff, as well as ENL graduates in the field.

PD sessions create a strong foundational understanding of the unique academic needs of ELs, establish a common vocabulary, and equip educators with the technical skills needed to ensure these students thrive in their classrooms. The sessions target language acquisition, research-based instructional practices, and methods to cultivate culturally sustaining classrooms.

“My faculty has benefited greatly from the strategies and small group collaboration from the ENL team at Notre Dame. They built awareness of the challenges that our ENL students face and shared ways to support our students’ needs in order to enhance their education.”

Sr. Kateri Burbee, SOLT
Principal, Holy Redeemer Grade School
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PROSPECTIVE WORKSHOP TOPICS

- Introduction to language acquisition (stages of language development, myths and misconceptions)
- Planning instruction with English learners in mind
- Promoting reading comprehension
- Language learning in content areas (math, science, social studies, religion)
- Vocabulary development
- Bolstering the writing of emergent bilinguals
- Culturally responsive instruction
- Spanish 101





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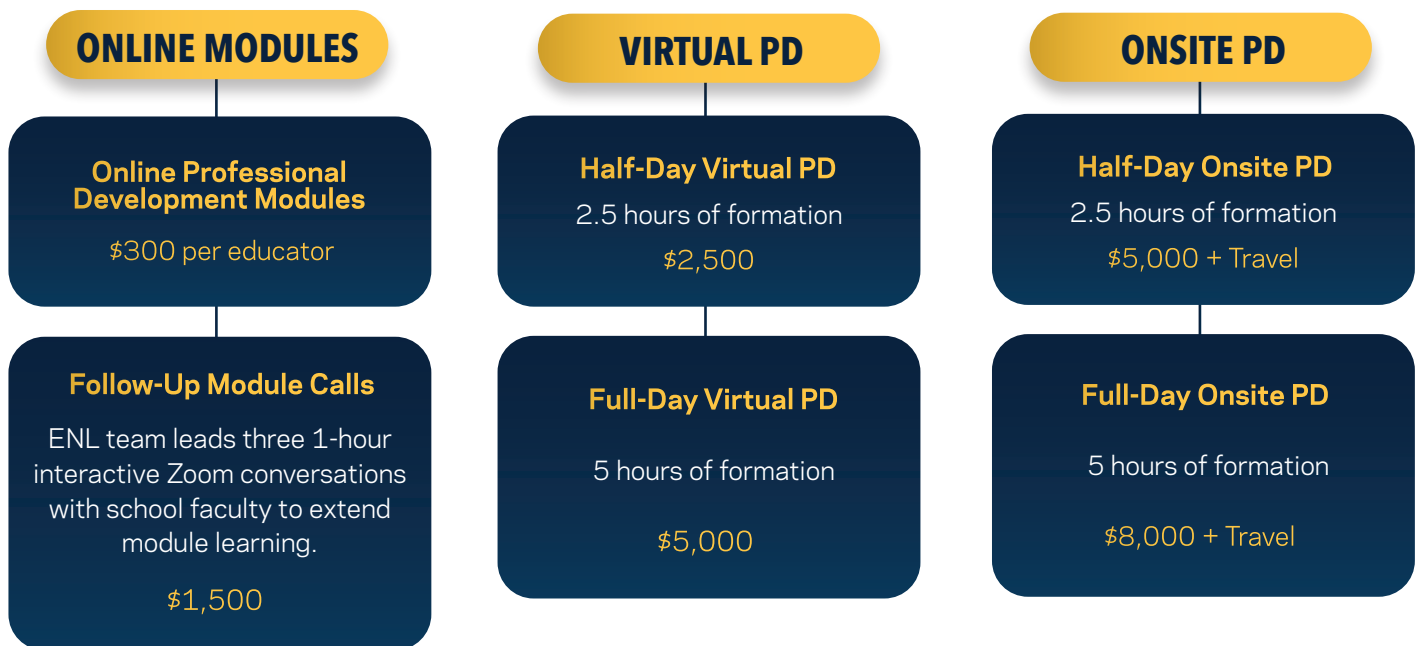
We offer professional development opportunities in the following formats:

- 1 Online professional development modules and follow-up Zoom faculty calls
- 2 Virtual live professional development (half-day and full-day)
- 3 Interactive onsite professional development (half-day and full-day)

Each professional development session includes all materials, pre and post surveys, and logistical planning.

The ENL team will begin the planning process with a quick phone call to assess your needs and will then create a PD agenda customized for your school.

ENL PD OPTIONS



FUNDING

(Arch)dioceses and schools have been successful in securing and allocating Title II and Title III funding to underwrite PD offerings.

To inquire about virtual and onsite professional development, contact Jennifer Dees (jreed3@nd.edu).