

Powerful Assessment that Transforms Learning: A Leadership Lens (3-day Series)

Presented By: **Katie White**

Fee: **\$450.00**

Date(s) & Time(s)

March 30, 2022: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

April 27, 2022: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

June 01, 2022: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Venue:

Royal Hotel Calgary (Former Executive Royal Hotel) - 2828-23
Street NE

About the Session

AUDIENCE: Administrators and Instructional Leaders are encouraged to attend.

Assessment has the potential to support hope, efficacy, and achievement for students, but inviting educators to safely and critically reflect on their assessment practices in order to achieve these ends is no easy task. Leading an assessment focus in schools and systems is emotional, identity-focused work. Digging into the narratives that serve as the foundation of current assessment practices, exploring effective assessment as part of instructional design. This leadership series will help leaders understand and acquire processes and protocols that advance adult learning and practice-shifting all critical aspects of effective assessment leadership.

In each session of this 3 part series, we will:

- Explore the research that illuminates effective assessment practice and ways this research might manifest within everyday classroom spaces.
- Experience first-hand the practices and protocols that leaders can leverage in their daily work in order to facilitate adult learning.
- Gain tools to support a personalized approach to assessment leadership.

Session One: Narratives, Relationship, and Holistic Assessment

Ideally assessment processes are best when they address holistic needs that are aligned with the beliefs and values of students and teachers. In this session, we will explore assessment using the analogies of hard and soft edges within the paradigm of assessment that powers learning. We will discuss assessment decisions that ensure efficacy and positive outcomes for learners and educators.

Session Two: Assessment through a Leadership Lens

This session will explore creative and practical frameworks, tools, and strategies for leaders to facilitate assessment conversations and action-planning in non-threatening, emotionally safe ways while still moving in the direction of change and growth. Together, we will experience these frameworks, tools, and strategies, with time to then imagine how to adapt them to personally relevant contexts.

Session Three: Assessment that Powers Learning: Effective Design and Response

Assessment is only truly powerful when the response to information gathered leads to effective action. At the same time, response is only powerful when assessment design is strong. The relationship between assessment *design* and assessment *response* is inseparable—they fundamentally depend on each other.

This session will explore elements of effective assessment design, analysis of the information gathered, and responses that advance learning. Together, we will investigate foundational approaches to creating assessment tools and processes that support growth when focusing on any learning goal. We will also explore ways we might build capacity when examining assessment artifacts and designing responses.

About the Presenter(s)



Katie White Katie White spends her days working to transform the educational experience for teachers and students. She has been an integral part of her own school system's multi-year journey through educational reform and has assisted systems worldwide in their work toward approaches that honour learning relationships. She has a passion for helping educators develop a personalized understanding of the connections between curriculum, assessment, and instruction and creative approaches for reaching and teaching every single learner in every single classroom.

In living out this passion, she not only works within her system, but serves as an educational consultant and author for Solution Tree. Her sense of humor and responsive approach to adult learning makes her a sought-after professional support for systems and schools. In addition, she is a co-moderator of the well-known #ATAssessment Twitter chat and she is the president elect of the Canadian Assessment for Learning Network.

Softening the Edges: Assessment Practices that Honor K-12 Teachers and Learners and *Unlocked: Assessment as the Key to Unlocking Everyday Creativity in the Classroom* are her first two books. *Student Self-Assessment: Data Notebooks, Portfolios and Other Tools to Advance Learning* is due to be released in October, with a fourth book to follow soon after.

Registration Notes:

Registration fee includes lunch.