

## NIET Rubric Companion Tool for Virtual Instruction

### *Training Options for Teachers and Leaders*

#### **For Teachers: NIET Rubric Companion Tool for Virtual Instruction Training Series**

*Each training is 90 minutes in length*

Transitioning from teaching in a traditional classroom to a virtual setting comes with a variety of challenges. The NIET Teaching Standards Rubric and a virtual instruction companion tool are two key resources that are intended to help educators navigate the change. Participants will leave with an understanding of what the NIET Teaching Standards look like when applied to online teaching; ideas for how to plan, transform, and strengthen their virtual lessons; and awareness of how they can impact student achievement in a virtual learning environment. For the planning and instruction sessions, there is a version available specifically for PreK-2 teachers.

#### **Session 1: Planning**

- Examine key differences between planning for traditional face-to-face and virtual learning
- Analyze mindsets that impact planning for virtual learning
- Be able to utilize planning resources and the NIET rubric companion tool to develop high-quality online lessons

#### **Session 2: Instruction**

- Develop an understanding of what the NIET Teaching Standards look and sound like in virtual teaching
- Examine how teachers in a virtual setting impact student achievement
- Be able to plan for effective virtual instruction

#### **Session 3: Environment**

- Analyze how to transition to teaching and learning in the virtual environment
- Understand how to shift an exemplar learning environment to a virtual classroom
- Be able to create and facilitate an effective virtual learning environment

#### **For Principals and School Leaders: NIET Rubric Companion Tool for Virtual Instruction Training Series**

*Each training is 90 minutes in length*

These virtual sessions will help leaders understand how to coach and support teachers on using high-quality teaching practices in a virtual classroom and provide an understanding of how they can use the virtual rubric companion tool to provide ongoing professional development. Participants will leave with an understanding of what the NIET Teaching Standards look like when applied to online teaching; ideas for how to coach teachers in strengthening their virtual lessons; and awareness of how teachers and leaders impact student achievement in a virtual setting.

#### **Session 1: Planning**

- Examine what the NIET Teaching Standards look and sound like in virtual teaching
- Analyze how teachers and leaders impact student achievement through intentional planning for the virtual setting
- Be able to support teachers in planning for effective virtual instruction

#### **Session 2: Instruction**

- Know how to support teachers in their transition to teaching and learning in the virtual setting
- Understand how to coach teachers in delivering impactful virtual lessons
- Be able to support teachers in creating and facilitating an effective virtual instructional learning environment

#### **Session 3: Environment**

- Know how to identify and analyze virtual environment needs
- Understand how to coach teachers within their virtual environments
- Be further able to support teachers in creating and facilitating in an effective virtual learning environment

## **For All Educators: Analyzing Virtual Instruction: What are the shifts to consider when evaluating virtual lessons?**

*Session is 3 hours*

A key consideration in virtual instruction is capturing evidence to support and provide feedback to teachers through tools and processes teachers are familiar with. Participants will hear ideas and next steps for how to support teachers using a strengths-based approach while we all navigate virtual teaching together.

Key topics include:

- Similarities and differences when capturing evidence between virtual lessons and in-person lessons
- When and how to capture evidence when evaluating virtual lessons
- Using evidence from virtual lessons to provide high-quality feedback through formal and informal conversations

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