



WIDA™

CLIMBS Training of Trainers

Content and Language Integration
as a Means of Bridging Success

Audience: This workshop is designed for teacher leaders, facilitators, coaches in K–12 educational systems that provide professional development and work collaboratively with educators of multilingual learners.

Description: CLIMBS is a three-day workshop designed to support implementation of the WIDA ELD Standards. Ultimately, CLIMBS is intended to help ELLs develop academic language and ensure their access to challenging grade-level content.

Once trained in CLIMBS, facilitators are able to deliver 24 hours of CLIMBS professional development the school year. Facilitators allocate 48 hours over the school year for implementation:

- Six hours of prep for each session
- Six hours to facilitate each session

Areas of focus include:

1. Culture and Learning
2. Academic Language
3. Supporting Academic Language Development
4. Language Assessment and Feedback

Overview of Modules

Module 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Examine the connections between culture and language2) Consider the culture of collaboration in local contexts3) Describe principles of acquisition and learning	Module 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Examine the features of academic language2) Explore the connections between principles and practices3) Understand how academic language varies across subject areas and domains
Module 3 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Consider differentiation for language2) Investigate the language demands of texts and tasks3) Recognize effective feedback practices4) Provide effective feedback to language learners	Module 4 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discuss learning strategies2) Develop instruction for learning strategies3) Examine scaffolding strategies4) Identify scaffolding strategies in practice5) Reflect on peer observations6) Plan differentiated lessons using WIDA framework

A facilitation kit is provided to support facilitators in leading educators through 24 hours of CLIMBS training. The facilitation kit includes:

- A Facilitator Guide, including talking points
- A Participant Guide, including supporting documents and handouts
- PowerPoint Slides for each session