



**Western New York
Learning
Academy**

Professional Learning Seminars for NYSUT Members

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**First Semester
Seminar Catalog
October - December 2019**

ON-LINE REGISTRATION ONLY





NYSUT Member,

As your union, NYSUT has placed a strong emphasis on professional learning. We know you are continually looking for training opportunities relevant to your professional needs. With that in mind, we have created the NYSUT Western New York Learning Academy to provide our teacher and school-related professional members with high-quality seminars that will enhance your knowledge, give you the tools necessary to become the best that you can be within your profession and that satisfy the Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) hours requirement for teachers and Level III teaching assistants. These seminars offer a wonderful and valuable benefit for NYSUT members.

Through our NYSUT Western New York Learning Academy we have scheduled 2-hour and 3-hour seminars each month. Seminars from October to December will begin at 4:30 PM. The seminars were selected because of their broad appeal and their focus on the identified needs of teachers and school-related professionals in this area.

While class size is limited, you are welcome to attend as many seminars as you can fit into your schedule. NYSUT is absorbing the cost for the seminars as long as there are 15 participants. Seminars will not run with less than 10 registrants. **Therefore, please consider your registration as your commitment to attend.**

The NYSUT Western New York Learning Academy will be located at the NYSUT regional offices in Williamsville and Jamestown. The seminars to be offered to SRPs and teachers will enhance your work experience and provide you with the tools necessary to our changing profession. The Education & Learning Trust (ELT) will provide the instructors for the high-quality professional learning experience.

Registration for the seminars will be completed through mylearningplan.com by clicking the following link:

https://www.mylearningplan.com/webreg/catalog.asp?D=15191&M=&Term=&btn_View=Search&StartDate=09%2F20%2F2019&EndDate=02%2F28%2F2021&INT_CATEGORYID=892326&Instructor=&Page=1

Participation will be on a first come/first serve basis.

At the completion of the seminar, participants will be provided with a certificate of completion that can be used toward fulfilling CTLE hours.

We encourage you to take advantage of this great program.

In solidarity,

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October 2019

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REVISED DATES

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
Tuesday, October 8 th	Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success	2 hours	Jamestown	New Member	Mary Galac
THURSDAY, October 10th	Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success	2 hours	Williamsville	New Member	Michele Amoia
MONDAY, October 21st	Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior in Schools (H&S)*	3 hours	Williamsville	H&S	Mary Galac
Tuesday, October 29 th	The Impact of Culture on Student Achievement	3 hours	Williamsville	Teacher	Mary Galac

November 2019

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Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
Tuesday, November 5 th	Call to Action: Proactive Union Engagement in the Workplace and Community	2 hours	Jamestown	Teacher/S SRP	Michele Amoia
WEDNESDAY, November 6th	5 Tips to Diffuse Difficult Behaviors in Today's Schools	3 hours	Williamsville	SRP	Delores Rosso
WEDNESDAY, November 13th	Managing Student Behavior	3 hours	Williamsville	SRP	Jayne Smith
Wednesday, November 20 th	Collegial Collaboration & Action: Addressing Hostile and Aggressive Student Behavior	3 hours	Jamestown	Teacher	Mary Galac
Monday, November 25 th	Collegial Collaboration & Action: Addressing Hostile and Aggressive Student Behavior	3 hours	Williamsville	Teacher	Mary Galac

December 2019

Seminars Begin at 4:30 PM

Date & Day	Seminar Title	Duration	Location	Audience	Instructor
Wednesday, December 4 th	Designing Effective Instruction and Learning for English Learners	3 hours	Williamsville	Teacher H&S	Mary Galac
Tuesday, December 10 th	Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*	3 hours	Williamsville	Teacher H&S	Rene Brock
Wednesday, December 11 th	What Every SRP Should Know About the Dignity Act	2 hours	Jamestown	SRP	David Lowrey
Thursday, December 12 th	What Every SRP Should Know About the Dignity Act	2 hours	Williamsville	SRP	Rene Brock

*H&S = Health and Safety

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Description of Seminars

Parent-Teacher Conference: Strategies for Success

The seminar uses videos, handouts and discussion points to help teachers prepare for a conference with parents. The seminar also helps establish or improve communication involving the teacher, student and parents. Duration: 2-hours.

Addressing Aggressive Student Behavior in Schools (H&S)*

Special needs students experience many challenges and frustrations in the classroom. Their response is often to resist efforts of teachers and SROs to support and guide them. This resistance may be shown in mild or passive ways, or in more active ways, such as acting out anger and aggression through outbursts, tantrums, or throwing things. This seminar will focus on strategies for managing the behavior of students who act out, especially in more aggressive and disruptive ways. Participants will discuss the need to teach students to take responsibility for their own behavior, review a plan for ensuring they have the knowledge and skills to successfully change their behaviors, and practice strategies for addressing specific misbehaviors. Confrontation strategies and strategies such as re-direction, cause and effect, and overcorrection will be explored and practiced. Duration: 3-hours.

The Impact of Culture on Student Achievement)

In addition to learning a new language, ELLs have to adjust to a new environment and culture while learning new academic skills and content knowledge. Explore the impact of culture on academic achievement, and identify factors that contribute to a culturally responsive classroom in this engaging session Duration: 3-hours.

Call to Action: Proactive Union Engagement in the Workplace and Community

This program explores the significant impact unionism has had and continues to have on the professional and personal lives of workers in this country, helps union leaders and members examine how mobilizing has and can affect education and other segments of our population. Duration: 2-hours.

5 Tips to Diffuse Difficult Behaviors in Today's Schools

Educators are often confronted with challenging, disruptive and sometimes violent behaviors from students. These challenges can create a negative school culture that impacts teaching, student achievement as well as moral amongst students and staff. This seminar will provide opportunities for school staff to learn and practice evidence-based, proven-effective strategies to work with challenging behaviors in positive, proactive ways. Duration: 3-hours.

Managing Student Behavior

This seminar provides effective strategies for communicating expectations to students, creating an environment in which appropriate behaviors are more likely to occur, and helping students learn to make appropriate choices. Duration: 3-hours.

Collegial Collaboration & Action: Addressing Hostile and Aggressive Student Behavior

This seminar is designed to encourage conversations focused on addressing difficult student behaviors. Educators will be encouraged to share their own case studies which will be used to review analyze and discuss evidence based approaches. Research articles will guide strategies portion of the seminar. Participants will also engage in discussions around research and explore alternative strategies that can assist with hostile and aggressive behavior. Duration: 3-hours.

Designing Effective Instruction and Learning for English Learners

The five high-leverage principles presented in this seminar synthesize the work of leading scholars and educators and reflect basic practices that can improve teaching and learning for English learners across the content areas. Participants will examine evidence-based instructional strategies that can be incorporated into daily lesson plans and routines as well as determine effective ways to teach and assess both language and disciplinary content. Duration: 3-hours.

Trauma Awareness in Education: Supporting Resiliency and Preventing Conflict (H&S)*

Increasingly our students experience exposure to multiple or prolonged traumatic events, such a child abuse, neglect, and exposure to domestic violence. This experience directly affects their social and emotional development and negatively impacts their behavior and academic growth in school. It is becoming more common that educators are faced with the challenges of connecting with educating students who have endured complex trauma. Often the hurt that is felt by the student is placed on the educator and it can manifest in a variety of ways. This seminar will engage participants in understanding the roots of trauma, its prevalence and causes, the characteristics and associated behaviors, as well as learning how to work with traumatized students in a proactive and positive way. Duration: 3-hours.

What Every SRP Should Know About the Dignity Act

The Dignity Act maintains that it is the policy of the State of New York to afford all students in public schools an environment free of discrimination and harassment (Education Law 10). This interactive two hour overview examines harassment, discrimination and bullying as it relates to the Dignity Act. The seminar will focus on specific aspects of the Dignity Act that are important for School-Related professionals to know. Duration: 2-hours.

Locations:

Williamsville Location:
NYSUT Western New York
270 Essjay Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 634-7132

Jamestown Location:
NYSUT Western New York (Southwestern)
1 West Oak Hill Road
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 664-7425

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https://www.mylearningplan.com/webreg/catalog.asp?D=15191&M=&Term=&btn_View=Search&StartDate=09%2F20%2F2019&EndDate=02%2F28%2F2021&INT_CATEGORYID=892326&Instructor=&Page=1 and click on the seminar for which you would like to register. A confirmation will be sent to your e-mail address provided once registration is complete. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jackie Davis at jdavis@nysutmail.org for assistance. Participation will be on a first come/first serve basis.