

NSCAS Professional Learning 2020–21

The professional learning vision for the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) has been strategically designed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and its partners to support the development and application of a balanced assessment system, including formative practices, interim assessment, and summative assessment.

NWEA® professional learning offerings for NSCAS, funded by the NDE, are focused on the effective integration of data from these assessments to guide instructional decision-making at the classroom, school, and district levels.

In recognition of the unique teaching and learning contexts of the 2020-21 school year, Nebraska Certified Facilitators are coordinating with district leadership to deliver virtual professional learning sessions.

Goals

- Deepen educator understanding of NSCAS tools and foundational practices.
- Provide data coaching to support the use of MAP® Growth™ data in conjunction with other measures included in the NSCAS.
- Deliver tailored formative practice and interim offerings that meet the unique needs of learners in each district.

Formats

Virtual Workshops

Professional learning workshops are delivered by Nebraska Certified Facilitators who attend trainings for each workshop and participate in ongoing learning opportunities provided by NWEA. All 72 certified facilitators are Educational Service Unit (ESU) staff developers and/or district leaders.

Online Content

Some workshops are offered in a webinar format, including recordings available for later viewing. In addition, year-round access to NWEA Professional Learning Online provides Nebraska educators with supplemental learning via extensive assessment courses and topics, as well as ongoing support, community, and opportunities to collaborate with fellow educators.

Schedule

Workshop dates and times are determined by Nebraska Certified Facilitators in partnership with districts, based on district needs and availability.

Content Areas



Formative Practices

Develop foundational skills and understanding in formative instructional practices.



Interim Tools

Learn how to access, interpret, and apply MAP Growth data to instruction, including goal setting and differentiated groupings.

Assessment Literacy

Gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be assessment literate.

Writing with Evidence

The Writing with Evidence workshops are focused on understanding and developing best instructional practices to support evidence-based writing in ELA and science content areas. Participants will strengthen classroom practices that ensure students are on a trajectory to succeed with postsecondary writing challenges.

