

Building Culturally Proficient Conversational Skills

Workshop Description: Effective educators are skillful at communicating across lines of cultural difference. This means being culturally proficient communicators and having those uncomfortable conversations about ethnicity, race, religion, sexual identity and other “taboo” topics many of us prefer to avoid. This program will help educators navigate these conversations and advocate for equity. They will learn tips and tools to facilitate these conversations with others. Participants will also self-reflect and learn why these conversations cause them discomfort.



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Using a variety of methods, participants will do independent, small and large group work to deepen their understanding of how **who** you are affects **how** you communicate with students, parents/caregivers, and colleagues. In a safe environment participants will practice having these conversations and will leave with strategies, heightened awareness, and motivation to lean into challenging discussions with confidence.

MA Educator Evaluation Strands and Indicators addressed by this workshop: **Indicator II-C** Actively creates and maintains an environment in which students’ diverse backgrounds, identities ... are respected. **Indicator III-C** Engages in regular, two-way, and culturally proficient communication with families about student learning and performance.

About the Instructor: **Melissa Patrick**, MSW is a trained educator, social worker and independently consults with school districts in and around Boston. Melissa has devoted her professional life to facilitating interracial and intercultural communications, helping others become better, more effective communicators across lines of difference(s). Since 2001, she has been teaching educators about strategies to promote educational equity and academic achievement of all students, especially students of color. Melissa earned her MS in Social Work from Columbia University’s School of Social Work and her BA degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. Melissa lives in Natick with her three children.

Audience: All K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Counselors and Support Staff

Date & Time: Thursday January 26, 2017; 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM **Location:** TEC Professional Learning Center in E. Walpole

Cost: \$80 TEC Members / \$95 Non-TEC Members **Earn:** 6 Hours of Participation

To register: Go online to http://www.tec-coop.org/PDL_RegForm.html or complete this form and send, **along with a check or PO**, to:
TEC Professional Development, 141 Mansion Drive, Suite 200, E. Walpole, MA 02032



Register me for “Building Culturally Proficient Conversational Skills” on 1/26/17!

TEC Member District: \$80 Non-TEC Member District/Private School: \$95

Name: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____ Role: _____

City, state, zip code: _____ Address: _____

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Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Withdrawals: No credits/refunds will be given unless TEC is notified 10 business days before the first class. All payments processed upon receipt. There is a \$5 cancellation fee.