



## Overview of ABE/ASE Virtual Learning Community Spring 2021 Cohort

In February 2021, instructors are invited to join a Virtual Learning Community titled **Maintaining Rigor in Your Remote ABE/ASE Classroom**. This collaborative PD opportunity will help move us out of the ‘just getting by’ phase of online instruction and back to delivery of rigorous instruction with the high quality and high expectations we demand of ourselves as adult educators. This cohort will give instructors the chance to converse with peers, learn and apply ideas and strategies for remote instruction, and feel connected as they collaborate with others!

Each participant must commit to completing all of the Virtual Learning Community cohort components in sequence, for a total of 3 hours of PD.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">ABE/ASE (LA or Math) Virtual Learning Community Cohort Overview</h3> <p>To register, complete the application <a href="#">HERE</a> by February 1, 2021</p>	
<b>Online Discussion</b>	Online facilitated discussion in Canvas from February 8 - 14, 2021 (1 hour)
<b>Independent Activity</b>	Independent work – Creating a lesson activity from February 15 – 21, 2021 (1 hour)
<b>Live Webinar</b>	<b>Live webinar – Friday, February 26, 2021, at 1:00pm</b> (1 hour)
<b>Total of 3 professional development hours</b>	

There are also **minimum technology requirements** that must be met by participants in this cohort.

- Able to create an online account in a Learning Management System
- Able to navigate a Learning Management System to find important content, assignments, discussion boards
- Able to thoughtfully contribute to online discussion boards and reply to discussion threads
- Able to submit assignments through the LMS system in appropriate file format
- Able to use email to effectively communicate
- Able and willing to actively participate in virtual meetings with a microphone and webcam
- Able to access webinars and LMS via reliable internet access

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