



Frequently Asked Questions

What are these online professional development courses for afterschool instructors all about?

Due to a collaborative effort between Learning Sciences International and SEDL, online professional development courses are now available for instructors of afterschool programs. These courses are each approximately 3 hours in length and build upon the SEDL Afterschool Training Toolkits.

What courses are currently available?

- Investigating Afterschool [Science](#) Through Inquiry
- Afterschool [Math](#) Centers: Learning Through Purposeful Play
- Teaching [Literacy](#) Through Read Alouds in Afterschool Programs
- Using Your Afterschool Program to Build Skills in the [Arts](#)
- Utilizing [Technology](#) to Discover and Solve Real-World Problems

Why would I want to take these professional development courses?

Each online course provides you with the information, skills, and resources needed to help you engage your students in fun activities that will create in them a desire to learn. In addition, they will enable you to help your students build on what they are learning during the school day in order to extend the knowledge they already have. Each course comes complete with research-based practices, sample lessons, informative articles, and the tools needed by afterschool instructors to conduct meaningful activities that will benefit students.

When are the courses offered?

The courses are available to you online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We understand you need flexibility and these courses help you have control over when you have time in your busy schedule.

Do I need to take the entire course all at one time?

No, the courses are designed so that you can take them at your own pace. This means you can work on the course and the system will remember where you left off to make it easy to return at a later time.

Who can purchase the courses?

These courses are part of a one year license for *The SEDL Virtual Academy for Afterschool* and can be purchased through your afterschool program or state. For more information and to receive a customized quote to meet your needs, please contact us at: Tel: 800.476.6861 x6552.

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