

Introducing

The SEDL Virtual Academy for Afterschool

The **SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL** offers a series of online interactive courses designed to build the knowledge and skills of afterschool instructors to deliver content-based academic programming.

Each course leads instructors through the content, instructional process, and development of materials needed to enhance work with students in afterschool—all of which is based on 5 years of research and observations at 100 afterschool sites, with evaluation data suggesting an impact on student learning.

Each course aligns with academic standards and links to day-school learning, while focusing on a promising instructional practice in the areas of literacy, mathematics, science, technology, and the arts.

Each course includes:

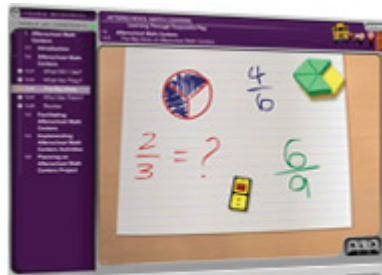
- Links to help align afterschool to day-school learning
- Effective instructional strategies
- Background information about content areas
- Guided practice in project planning
- Evidence-based models of instruction that engage students and keep them coming to afterschool for more enrichment

The **SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL** can help your state:

- Meet NCLB afterschool academic achievement goals
- Increase the ability of afterschool instructors in your state to deliver high-quality afterschool academic programming
- Provide tools to ensure statewide accountability for professional development

The **SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL** online learning is a low-cost, no travel, 24/7 accessible alternative for afterschool professional development.

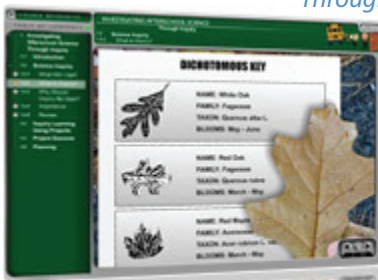
Afterschool instructors who complete the online courses can receive continuing education units and college credit.



Afterschool Math Centers: Learning Through Purposeful Play



Using Your Afterschool Program to Build Skills in the Arts



Investigating Afterschool Science Through Inquiry



Teaching Literacy Through Read Alouds in Afterschool Programs



Utilizing Technology to Discover and Solve Real-World Problems

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FEATURES:

Statewide subscription to 5 online courses suitable for all afterschool staff, representing 15 hours of high-quality professional development

Toll-free telephone and email tech support for all afterschool staff
8:00 AM ET to 8:00 PM ET (Monday-Friday)

Subscription includes a robust Learning Management System that:

- Provides all afterschool staff members with their own online accounts for 24/7 access from any Internet-connected computer
- Empowers users to access all online professional development courses
- Records professional development hours
- Provides each user with a printable transcript for completed courses
- Offers access to live chat and customizable discussion groups for extended learning communities

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Statewide professional learning communities via the SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL's online discussion groups, including open and private groups (e.g., for program directors to share experiences and best practices)

Monthly monitoring reports via email for state coordinator

Bi-annual conference call with state coordinators to discuss implementation and usage progress

Statewide webinar for program directors to introduce the SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL

Materials for introducing the SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL resources to all the state's afterschool programs and instructional staff

Statewide subscription to monthly award-winning e-newsletter, *AfterWords*

Statewide access to SEDL's archive of afterschool resources and research, including the Afterschool Training Toolkit

University credit option (tuition-based)—Afterschool instructors may earn university credit every time they complete five courses with a written reflective paper

Additional services are available upon request:

Administrative privileges for all afterschool program directors, allowing them to:

- Assign courses to staff members
- Monitor and support progress of staff members as they advance through the courses
- Run data reports for monitoring, accountability, and program evaluation purposes
- Create and monitor professional learning communities via online discussion groups at the program level
- Create private discussion groups for site coordinators to share experiences and best practices

Webinar training for afterschool program directors to learn how to use the functions and features of the SEDL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR AFTERSCHOOL, to increase the level and effectiveness of professional development activities for afterschool instructors; includes Quick Start Guides

Printed "certificate of completion" mailed to afterschool staff members upon successful completion of a set of 5 courses

Bi-annual set of printed reports for state coordinators showing usage by afterschool programs for monitoring and evaluation purposes

Quarterly conference call for state coordinators to discuss implementation and usage progress

"Ask the Expert" learning community discussion groups facilitated by SEDL expert staff on topics of your choice

Keynote presentations at state conferences or meetings by SEDL expert staff

Additional state conference session presentations by SEDL expert staff

Face-to-face workshops conducted on-site by SEDL expert staff

Customized webinars to support implementation and growth opportunities conducted by SEDL expert staff

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