



Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development

SERVICES FOR EDUCATORS AND FAMILIES

Student Courses, Assessments, Professional Learning Events and More!

For Educators and Administrators

- Backpack for Teachers On-Demand Training Materials
- Gifted Education Boot Camp for Educators and Administrators
- Consulting and tailored professional learning
- Curriculum units and advanced courses for students

For Families and Students (Age 3 through grade 12)

- Enrichment and accelerated, credit-bearing courses
 - Online live or online flexibly paced courses
 - For in-school or supplemental use (discounts for school groups)
 - Variety of subject areas and grade levels
 - Financial aid available for qualified students
- Leadership and Service-Learning programs
- Assessment (above-grade-level assessment for talent identification and program planning)
- Consulting for families

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CTD helps educators & parents

Identify children's academic talent areas and learning needs;

Understand how talent develops;

Interpret and use assessment data to assist with academic planning;

Provide enrichment and accelerated courses, programs, and curriculum that meet children's academic and affective needs to reach full potential; and

Enhance knowledge and skills to more effectively meet the needs of advanced learners.

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CTD's Online Program Models

A comparison of CTD's various online program models

Program Model	Grade Level(s)	Session Length	Session Start	Asynchronous Components	Synchronous Components
<u>Online Family Program</u>	PreK – 5	4 weeks	8 times/year	3-6 hours of course work per week	None required
<u>Leapfrog-Spark Online</u>	2-5	1 week	June	None required	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST
<u>CTD Encounters at Home</u>	3-8	1/2 day	Courses added throughout the year	None required	1 online class session
		1 week	June	None required	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST
<u>Online Core Essentials</u>	3-8	9 weeks	September January April June	2-5 hours of course work per week	2 optional live class sessions
<u>Online Enrichment</u>	3-8	9 weeks	September January April June	2-5 hours of course work per week	2 optional live class sessions
<u>CTD Weekend At Home</u>	3-12	6 weeks	October January April	None required	Online classes Saturdays or Sundays, 1/2 days
<u>Solstice Online</u> or <u>Solstice Global Leadership Intensive</u>	4-6	1-2 weeks	June	3-5 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST
<u>Solstice Seminar Courses</u>	4-6	2 weeks	July	3-5 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday -

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					Thursday, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. CST
<u>Spectrum Online</u>	6-8	3 weeks	June	5-7 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST
<u>Spectrum Seminar Courses</u>	6-8	3 weeks	July	5-7 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Thursday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. CST
<u>Online Accelerated Summer Option (ASO)</u>	6-12	1 and 2 semester equivalents in a 13 week* summer session	May	12-15 hours of course work per week (1- credit courses) 15-25 hours of course work per week (2- credit courses)	None required
<u>Online Honors</u>	6-12	1 and 2 semester equivalents	September January	6-8 hours of course work per week	None required
<u>Leadership Intensive Online</u>	7-10	6 weeks Winter & Spring	January April	2-3 hours of course work per week	Weekly online classes (see course information for details)
		2 weeks Summer	June	6-7 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. - noon CST
<u>Civic Leadership Institute (CLI) Online</u>	9-12	3 weeks	June	5-10 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST
<u>Equinox Online</u>	9-12	3 weeks	June	5-10 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. CST

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<u>Equinox Seminar Courses</u>	9-12	3 weeks	July	5-10 hours of course work per week	Online classes Monday - Thursday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. CST
<u>Online AP</u>	9-12	1 and 2 semester equivalents	September January	6-8 hours of course work per week	None required

* Course term will range from 9-13 weeks depending on enrollment date.

Course Models that Meet Different Needs

Rather than adopt a rigid, one-size-fits-all model of online learning, CTD offers online and hybrid learning opportunities in a variety of formats to serve our diverse community of learners. Each model is tailored to be appropriate for students at particular stages of development and appropriate for the learning goals of the course. Courses vary in length, intensity, and mix of independent and collaborative learning opportunities.

What is asynchronous learning?

Asynchronous learning means students and instructors engage in class-related activities at different times, rather than in regularly scheduled live meetings. The benefits of this type of learning are numerous and reach beyond the classroom.

What is synchronous learning?

Synchronous online learning means students engage in online activities with instructors and peers live in real time. There are many benefits of this kind of learning.