

Assessment *for* Learning

What Have We Learned? Where Are We Going?

8:45 to 9:00 am
Education Building
Room 200

Opening Remarks by CAfLN Directors
Damian Cooper, Lorna Earl & Ken O'Connor

Welcome from the Dean, Faculty of Education
Dr. David Mandzuk

9:00 to 10:15 am
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Session 1: Over-tested but Under-assessed: The Power of Assessment *for* and *as* Learning in Literacy and Numeracy Classrooms
Martha Koch (University of Manitoba)
& Lorna Earl (Lorna Earl and Associates)

Literacy and numeracy share the dubious honour of being the most frequently tested subjects with mandatory testing at the district, provincial, national and international levels. Teachers must navigate this complex assessment terrain where recommended classroom assessment practices can seem out of step with external testing. In this interactive session, Martha and Lorna invite you to join them in exploring the power of assessment *for* and *as* learning in literacy and numeracy classrooms.

10:15 to 10:30 am

Morning Break

10:30 to 11:45 am
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Session 2: How to Differentiate Assessment while Maintaining Standards of Excellence
Damian Cooper (Plan~Teach~Assess)
& Warren Nickerson (Interlake School Division)

In this session, Damian and Warren will examine the challenges educators face in demanding excellence from all students while, at the same time, responding to the diversity of prior knowledge and skills demonstrated in today's classrooms. Traditional assessment practices take a one-size-fits-all approach in the name of fairness. Participants in this session will explore useful strategies and practical examples of assessment in a differentiated classroom.

11:45-12:45 pm
University Centre
McLuhan Hall
Room 204

Lunch – Enjoy!

12:45-1:45 pm
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Panel Discussion: Aboriginal Perspectives on Assessment for Learning in Marshall McLuhan Hall
Sue Gower (First Nations Schools Association, British Columbia),
Jarrett Laughlin (“Help Me Tell My Story”, Saskatchewan)
& Brenda Delorme (Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre)

A panel of Aboriginal educators from three provinces will share their views on assessment for learning. There will be opportunities for dialogue between panel members and conference participants. The session will be facilitated by Pauline Clarke, Superintendent (Winnipeg School Division).

1:45-2:00 pm

Afternoon Break

2:00-3:15 pm
Education Building
Room 200

Session 3: Grading for Fairness and Learning
Ken O'Connor (Assess for Success Consulting)
& Robin Tierney (University of British Columbia)

Every province and territory in Canada requires teachers to grade students' learning and write report cards. Focusing on grades can be counterproductive for students, but fair grading practices can also promote further learning. Robin and Ken will share principles and practices for grades to fairly and effectively support learning.

3:15-3:30 pm
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Closing Remarks

Thank you for joining us today. Please take a minute to give CAfLN members written feedback to inform planning for the second annual conference.



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