

Course	Verizon Thinkfinity TRN-Online Training for Trainers Online Course Syllabus
Course Format	<p>Verizon Thinkfinity TRN-Online is an interactive experience designed to help you become skilled in the training of Verizon Thinkfinity to others. Strategies employed in this training are based on best practices and current research for successful professional development. Although there are several independent activities included in the course, the sharing of ideas and experiences will also contribute to the development of skills necessary to serve as Verizon Thinkfinity Trainers. The course includes the following strategies:</p> <p>Content: Course content will include text, graphics, and audio segments selected to inform and expand your knowledge of Verizon Thinkfinity.</p> <p>Activities: Specific activities will require participants to explore various components of Verizon Thinkfinity's website. These will include guided exploration of specific sites, and independent exploration to promote engagement and the discovery of resources, using a constructivist approach to learning.</p> <p>Sharing: Opportunities will be available for sharing ideas with other participants to promote valuable learning experiences. In this way, participants will focus on specific topics at the same time. The use of both bulletin boards for sharing ideas and discussion boards for promoting dialog with others will be used.</p> <p>Projects: Two major projects will be required, a Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan and a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan. These will be due at the end of weeks three and six respectively, with components being developed throughout the six weeks of the course.</p>
Pre-requisites	None required although experience with navigating the Internet is desired.
Course Description	<p>TRN-Online is a six-week, asynchronous, internet-based course. It will present an overview of the Verizon Thinkfinity program and provide instruction on locating and integrating Verizon Thinkfinity's online educational resources to support student learning. Participants will learn how to create a Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan and discover techniques for training others to create them for use in their own instructional settings.</p> <p>The training curriculum will be explored and participants will learn how to customize training sessions. They will also receive access to free training resources through Verizon Thinkfinity's Trainer Toolbox, as well as Verizon Thinkfinity's database management system to track and review training data.</p> <p>Participants will be encouraged to collaborate with other professionals to discuss various training strategies and to create customized training plans for implementing Verizon Thinkfinity within their own communities. After completion of this online course, participants will have developed their own Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan, Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan, and will be qualified to deliver Verizon Thinkfinity Training Sessions to others.</p>
Course Objectives	<p>At the end of this course, participants will be able to train others to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overview of the Verizon Thinkfinity program to colleagues. • Locate free educational resources, including interactive student tools, high quality lessons, and Partner-reviewed Web sites. • Differentiate between types of online resources available through Verizon Thinkfinity and recognize the flexibility for their use to support student learning regardless of individual technical skills and technology availability. • Create a Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan to engage learners and maximize student achievement using Verizon Thinkfinity's Integration Framework. <p>Participants will also understand how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiate between the different types of Verizon Thinkfinity Training

	<p>Sessions and recognize the need to customize training sessions for various audiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigate to a variety of training resources through the Trainer Toolbox. • Think critically about a variety of resources available for customizing Verizon Thinkfinity Training Sessions. • Understand how to effectively apply a variety of exemplary training strategies. • Create a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan that is tailored for a specific audience. • Be aware of the four-step process required for conducting Official Verizon Thinkfinity Training Sessions, using Verizon Thinkfinity's powerful information management system. 																
<p>Requirements</p>	<p>In order to pass the TRN-Online course, participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in discussions by posting original ideas and responses in all required topics as directed. • Review the Integration Plan Directions handout to design and submit a complete Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan. The Integration Plan Checklist will be used to determine if all criteria have been met. The plan must include a Verizon Thinkfinity Learning Object, align with standards, be age and grade level appropriate, and be free of spelling and grammatical errors. • Complete all Checkpoints included after various activities; these may be taken multiple times. • Design and submit a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan based on a scenario from the course content or a scenario of choice. The training plan must include an agenda, be designed to meet the needs of the targeted audience, and be free of spelling and grammatical errors. • Complete the TRN-Online Training Survey. 																
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	4. Verizon Thinkfinity Professional Development Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities for Training - Types of Verizon Thinkfinity Training Sessions - Training Assessment and Accountability - Training Session Data Collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read about the Verizon Thinkfinity Professional Development Program - Review the assessment and accountability components of Verizon Thinkfinity training sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Checkpoint 4.1 - Complete Checkpoint 4.4
	5. Verizon Thinkfinity Training Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainer Toolbox - Training Materials - Training Strategies - Keys to Success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore Verizon Thinkfinity's free training resources - Read how to embed interactives into a training session - Use tools to explore Content Partner Web sites - Review customization options - Create an agenda for a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Checkpoint 5.1 - Share a favorite training material - Share a training strategy
	6. Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan - Provide feedback on a Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan - Take the training survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plans of others - Provide feedback for a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan - Revise and submit final Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan - Complete the training survey
Verizon Thinkfinity Grading Policy	<p>To successfully pass the course, TRN-Online, participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet or exceed the criteria on the TRN-Online Accountability Checklist. • Complete all checkpoints related to course activities. • Create and submit two satisfactory course projects, a Verizon Thinkfinity Integration Plan and a Customized Verizon Thinkfinity Training Plan. • Provide feedback on projects of other participants as directed by the course facilitator. • Participate in the discussion and bulletin boards by posting original ideas and responses to others designed to deepen discussion and promote understanding. <p>Review the criteria upon which the course projects will be assessed.</p>			
Students with Disabilities	Any student with disabilities or other special needs that require special accommodations in this course is encouraged to communicate with the facilitator regarding their needs as soon as possible.			
Academic Integrity	Course participants are responsible for conducting themselves in an academically honest manner.			
Printed Version	<p>You may want to download and print a copy of the Course Syllabus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRN- Verizon Thinkfinity Online Training for Trainers Syllabus <p>Tip: To download a file, place your cursor on the document link and click once to bring up a window which will allow you to save the file to your computer.</p>			