

Time Requirement: 6 weeks / approximately 30 clock hours

Learning Environment: Online Facilitated Course – delivered via Blackboard

Audience: This session is intended for educators who are interested in training others to locate and integrate Thinkfinity resources, but who have little or no experience with the Thinkfinity resources themselves. Due to the fast-paced nature of this session, educators are encouraged to have a high comfort level with using the Internet. Specific audiences may include technology integration specialists, staff developers, teacher leaders, and pre-service faculty and students.

Pre-requisites: none

Session Description: This comprehensive online training session guides educators, who have little to no prior experience with Thinkfinity through acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to train others about Thinkfinity and the integration of Thinkfinity resources. This includes the following components: Thinkfinity's content and resources, navigation and searching strategies, integration to enhance student learning, tools and resources available to support training others, best practice training strategies, and development of a customized training plan.

Objectives:

After completing this hands-on session educators will be able to:

- Provide an overview of the Thinkfinity program to colleagues.
- Locate free educational resources, including interactive student tools, high quality lessons, and Partner-reviewed websites.
- Learn how to access and use various tools offered in the Thinkfinity Community.
- Differentiate between types of online resources available through Thinkfinity and recognize the flexibility for their use to support student learning regardless of individual technical skills and technology availability.
- Create a Thinkfinity Integration Plan to engage learners and maximize student achievement using Thinkfinity's Integration Framework.

Participants will also understand how to:

- Recognize the need to customize training sessions for various audiences.
- Navigate to a variety of training resources housed in the Trainer Toolbox.
- Create a Customized Thinkfinity Training Plan that addresses specific objectives and is tailored for a specific audience
- Become aware of the four steps to data collection that are part of Verizon Thinkfinity's Information Management System, TIMS.

Required Materials: Thinkfinity will provide all materials for this training session.