INTEGRATING PROJECT-BASED LEARNING IN AN ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

UNIT 1

Understanding Project-Based Learning

Objectives:

- Identify common elements of PBL
- Understand and recognize what is PBL and what is not PBL

Lesson 1: What is PBL?

Lesson 2: Benefits of PBL

UNIT 2

Exploring and Designing a PBL Experience

Objectives:

- Accurately plan and develop a PBL experience
- Analyze an example of PBL

Lesson 1: Exploring a model PBL Experience

Lesson 2: Designing your own PBL Project

UNIT 3

Implementing PBL in the Elementary Classroom

Objectives:

- Identify ways to support and facilitate PBL in an elementary classroom
- Use the taught strategies to manage the project experience

Lesson 1: Facilitating Inquiry and Collaboration

Lesson 2: Managing and Supporting PBL

UNIT 4

Assessing Learning and Finalizing the PBL Unit

Objectives:

- Identify realistic opportunities to implement PBL into existing instruction
- Reflect on how their lesson encompasses a PBL experience
- Analyze how to effectively evaluate student learning

Lesson 1: Assessing Student Learning

Lesson 2: Finalizing Your PBL Unit

Course Outcome: By the end of this course, learners will be able to actively design, incorporate, facilitate, and assess a PBL experience in an elementary classroom.