



Curriculum & Assessment Workgroups – Eastern Region

LEARNING COMMUNITY CONTENT + SCHEDULE

Intentional teaching has an impact on school readiness. Taking the time to think purposefully about your curriculum or intentional teaching approach will help you support children's learning more effectively. The criteria for Virginia Quality Level 3 includes completion of the Virginia QRIS curriculum and assessment checklist to demonstrate selection and use of curriculum or other teaching framework aligned with *Virginia's Milestones of Child Development* or *Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning*; and developmentally appropriate practices. A complete and validated Checklist is required prior to moving onto Level 4 or 5.

Participation in a Curriculum & Assessment Workgroup will train and prepare you as a Director or Teacher, to deliver high-quality, aligned lessons to the children at your program. It will also support the completion of the curriculum and assessment checklist required for Virginia Quality.

Attendees will receive a certificate for 10 training hours and support from Virginia Quality Technical Assistance Providers via group sessions and follow up phone calls or on-site assistance.

REGISTRATION

Children's Harbor Training Department

(757) 399-1337

<http://www.qualitybeginshere.com/training-and-technical-assistance/>

Participants must attend all of the sessions for the selected workgroup.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

SESSION 1

Meaningful Learning

4 hours

Content

How do you intentionally promote children's learning and development? Understand how children learn using intentional teaching and developmentally appropriate practices. Virginia's Milestones of Child Development and Foundation Blocks for Early Learning are invaluable resources, but the length and layout of these documents can be intimidating. Learn how to navigate and utilize these tools step by step, tabbing and re-organizing to fit your needs. Lesson planning for optimal and age-appropriate learning is a skill. Understand the basics of quality lesson planning.

Requirements

- ☐ Completion of the following Virginia Quality Learnpoint Modules **prior** to Session attendance
 - Orientation to Virginia's QRIS (.5hrs)
 - Introduction to Intentional Teaching (.5hrs)

SESSION 2

The Best Laid (Lesson) Plans

2 hours

Content

Virginia Quality does not require programs to use a specific or purchased curriculum, but instead focuses on how well a program aligns with Virginia's Early Learning Guidelines (Milestones, Foundation Blocks). Bring your curriculum materials and create developmentally appropriate lesson plans aligned to the Early Learning Guidelines.

Requirements

- ☐ Bring with you to Session 2:
 - Your program's curriculum documents (binder, notebook, manual, lesson plans, etc)
 - Tabbed copy of Milestones and/or Foundation Blocks

SESSION 3

The Curriculum Checklist

2 hours

Content

The criteria for Virginia Quality Level 3 includes completion of the Virginia QRIS curriculum and assessment checklist. A complete and validated checklist is required prior to moving onto Level 4 or 5. Use your tabbed Early Learning Guidelines, completed lesson plans, and knowledge from Sessions 1 and 2 to complete the curriculum checklist for your program and prepare for the validation visit.

Requirements

- ☐ Completion of the following Virginia Quality Learnpoint Module **prior** to Session attendance
 - Introduction to the Curriculum Checklist (.5hrs)
- ☐ Bring with you to Session 3:
 - Completed lesson plans from Session 2
 - Your program's curriculum documents (binder, notebook, manual, lesson plans, etc)
 - Tabbed copy of Milestones and/or Foundation Blocks

SCHEDULE

Learning Communities and Working Sessions

Fall Workgroup

Fall 2016

Session 1	Saturday, November 5 th	9:00am – 1:00pm	Chesapeake, TCC Campus RM 4101
Session 2	Tuesday, November 8 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Chesapeake, TCC Campus RM 4101
Session 3	Tuesday, December 6 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Chesapeake, TCC Campus RM 4101

* Registration not yet open *

Winter Workgroup

Winter 2017

Session 1	Saturday, January 21 st	9:00am – 1:00pm	Norfolk, Loch Meadow Kindergarten
Session 2	Tuesday, January 31 st	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Norfolk, Loch Meadow Kindergarten
Session 3	Tuesday, February 21 st	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Norfolk, Loch Meadow Kindergarten

* Registration not yet open *

Spring Workgroup

Spring 2017

Session 1	Saturday, April 8 th	9:00am – 1:00pm	VA Beach, Parish Day School
Session 2	Tuesday, April 25 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	VA Beach, Parish Day School
Session 3	Tuesday, May 9 th	6:30pm – 8:30pm	VA Beach, Parish Day School