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Experiential Learning: Student Centered Teaching Certification

At EXPLO we strive to create learning experiences that are both rigorous and joyful. We believe learning mirrors life — full of questions, tensions, and worthwhile digressions in an ever-changing world. We know that whimsy and wonder have a place alongside pragmatic investigation. We celebrate discovery through doing, and empathy through authentic connection. Our instructors lead classrooms designed for hands-on student-centered learning.

The EXPLO certification in **Experiential Learning: Student Centered Teaching** is an opportunity to recognize and endorse professional competency and growth by EXPLO Summer Instructors, through a focus on reflection. Participants collected artifacts from their summer of teaching, then built and presented a portfolio demonstrating their work. The Experiential Learning Certification is built on five pillars:

- Classroom Teaching Observation - Participants recorded two 30-minute videos of instruction and reflected on what they observed of their classroom.
- Office of Teaching & Learning Feedback - Throughout the summer, participants were given feedback from Instructional Coaches and were asked to reflect on how they incorporated that feedback into their classrooms.
- Identifying Student Needs - Participants identified instances when they adapted their strategies and incorporated multiple approaches to reach all students.
- Giving Student Feedback - Participants reflected on how they gave feedback on student work and created a plan to help students incorporate feedback into their process.
- Demonstrating Student Learning - Participants provided evidence of student work to provide insight into the process and progress of student learning in their classroom.