

Developing Teachers' Knowledge & Expertise

Defined Academy empowers educators to enhance their use of Defined products. Through our extensive course library, we deliver engaging virtual learning experiences, including asynchronous micro-learning modules within structured units and courses, micro-credentials, and customized training.

Defined Academy supports educators in building their instructional skills and professional growth, mastering our products, and creating meaningful outcomes through deeper learning. Our expert team will work with you to develop a customized professional learning program tailored to your goals and needs. Whether you are new to deeper learning or looking to advance your practice, we have a path just for you.

Defined Academy empowers educators through self-paced, micro-learning modules that can be accessed anytime, anywhere through the Defined platform. Our virtual learning experiences are designed with a Learn-Practice-Reflect framework that allows educators to progress at their own pace while tracking their professional growth journey.

Defined Academy offers **virtual, in-person and hybrid trainings**. Our virtual trainings include 4 virtual offerings:

- Getting Started with Defined (*included with Defined purchase*)
- Future-Ready Skills (*available for additional purchase*)
- Content Connections (*available for additional purchase*)
- Micro-credentials (*available for additional purchase*)

This brochure contains a deeper dive into our virtual offerings. In person and hybrid trainings include half-day, full-day, coaching, and cohort offerings. For more information on pricing and bundling options, to learn more about in-person offerings, and for any other additional information please [click here](#) to schedule a meeting with your dedicated partnerships manager!



VIRTUAL OFFERINGS:

GETTING STARTED WITH DEFINED

- **Overview:** Four foundational units (The Defined Platform, Performance Tasks, Customizing Tasks and Creating Assessments, Assigning to Students & Communicating Throughout the Learning Process) introducing the Defined platform and its capabilities through micro-learning modules.
- **Learning Objectives:** Participants will:
 - Navigate the Defined platform (educator and student views)
 - Understand performance tasks and their components
 - Learn to customize tasks and assessments
 - Learn how to assign tasks and assess
- **Key Features:**
 - Platform navigation tutorials
 - Performance task structure exploration
 - Customization strategies
 - Implementation guidance

FUTURE-READY SKILLS

- **Overview:** Focused Courses (Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity & Innovation, Problem-Solving) on developing essential future-ready skills through Defined performance tasks.
- **Learning Objectives:** Participants will:
 - Identify future-ready skills within Defined performance tasks
 - Integrate skill development with academic content
 - Assess skill development effectively
- **Key Features:**
 - Skill-focused implementation strategies
 - Integration with academic standards
 - Assessment approaches for future-ready skills

CONTENT CONNECTIONS

- **Overview:** Ten content-specific courses (math, science, ELA, social studies, and computer science) focused on using Defined Learning's performance tasks to foster deeper learning in both elementary and secondary levels.
- **Learning Objectives:** Participants will:
 - Connect content area content to real-world careers
 - Integrate future-ready skills with content area practices
 - Implement performance tasks aligned with curriculum
 - Create effective project-based learning environments for their content area
- **Key Features:**
 - Content-specific applications and examples
 - Alignment with content practices and standards
 - Classroom routines for content area discourse
 - Real-world context for abstract concepts

MICRO-CREDENTIALS

- **Overview:** Short, focused professional learning experiences that recognize educators for applying their skills in planning and/or implementing strategies to support student learning. They validate teachers' expertise and professional growth in creating aspects of a learning environment supporting students in their practice, knowledge building and success through authentic applications. (60-90 minutes each)
- **Learning Objectives:** Participants will:
 - Apply strategies to integrate performance tasks into curriculum in ways that deepen student engagement, content mastery, and career awareness.
 - Implement instructional strategies that support students in practicing and mastering future-ready skills within the context of performance-based, career-connected learning.
 - Plan and implement performance tasks and/or Defined resources that align with content standards and/or reflect authentic career scenarios.
 - Demonstrate an understanding of creating a student-centered learning environment that promotes deeper learning through authentic opportunities for students utilizing high-quality instruction and performance assessments
- **Key Features:**
 - A competency-based form of certification
 - A personalized professional learning experience with participants applying their knowledge and/or skill to support learning
 - Designed to support professional practice and growth
 - Each contains an application for planning and/or implementation and the creation of a specific product, reflection and/or application demonstrating competence of the attribute
 - Each is evaluated by Defined facilitators and approved or returned with feedback for completion. (Badge issued upon successful completion)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRESS MANAGEMENT:

In the Defined platform, we are able to track and store professional learning progress and achievements. A few key features of our professional learning process management feature include:

- **Comprehensive Progress Tracking:** Monitors and displays all professional learning activities completed within Defined Academy
- **Certificate Management:** Automatically collects and organizes certificates of completion from Defined Academy learning experiences
- **Micro-credential Showcase:** Displays all earned digital badges and micro-credentials
- **Administrator Dashboard:** Gives school and district administrators visibility into collective team progress, supporting strategic professional development planning
- **Hours Tracking:** Calculates and logs professional development hours to support continuing education requirements