

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 Testimonials

This course could not have come at a better time! There were many situations and experiences that were happening at my school, and this truly helped me to address these issues as they were coming up. Annette Medina, Naperville CUSD 203

Very insightful class. I especially liked reading and learning about intrinsic motivation vs. extrinsic motivations. I liked seeing and hearing from my peers in the voicethreads. I was nervous to record myself at first but then it got easier. Emily Troutman, Joliet ESD 86

Character education is something we really need to address in our school with our current students and climate. My coworkers and I in the course are talking about creating a club that begins to delve into it. The weekly activities gave me a great jumpstart for beginning to implement this content in my classroom and our school. Christine Levernier, Naperville CUSD 203

I thoroughly enjoyed this program and am excited to take the knowledge gained and implement it in my classroom and school. This program left me feeling empowered and excited in my lifelong learning journey. I especially found it beneficial to learn from others that teach or are social workers in the junior high setting. The balance of video to written posts was very favorable. It was nice to see and listen to others in the course and to respond to them. Carol O'Donoghue, Joliet ESD 86

This program showed the connection between building character education and the impact on student SEL skills. I appreciated the information on how to build character with all students while considering trauma sensitive approaches and keeping equity in mind. The discussions were helpful is hearing each other's perspectives, experiences, and ideas. They were easy to read and follow. I gained a lot of information from everyone's posts. Lori Rader, Naperville CUSD 203

I believe this program gave very good foundational information and built upon that afterwards with applicable ways to carry out character education. I think that SEL information as well as DEI content was appropriately woven in throughout. Lisa Sjordal, Naperville CUSD 203