

Total Participation Techniques

Typical question and answer sessions allow students to tune out important classroom interactions, and traditional lectures leave most students functioning as ‘listening objects.’ To truly engage all learners, instructors need to use a more intentional approach to student engagement. In this online course, participants will explore the societal and personal costs of disengagement and the importance of higher-order thinking in creating environments that meaningfully engage students in content learning.

This course will introduce participants to practical techniques for cognitively engaging students during lessons. These include the uses of on-the-spot techniques, hold-ups, total participation techniques (TPTs) that involve movement, and TPTs for guiding and supporting students in their note taking. Participants will explore essential elements in building a TPT-conducive classroom, where students feel free to share with minimal risks. Finally, participants will analyze the cognitive engagement that is present in a classroom lesson as they apply their new understandings to their own teaching or through peer observations.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to

Module 1

- Evaluate levels of disengagement and connect it to the costs to students and society.
- Interpret a disengaged student’s profile and a teacher’s perspective.

Module 2

- Examine ripple questioning and explain how it benefits students.
- Compare the four quadrants in the TPT cognitive engagement model.

Module 3

- Examine the effect of on-the-spot TPTs and hold-ups on student engagement.
- Embed on-the-spot TPTs into your lessons.

- Embed a hold-up activity into your lesson.

Module 4

- Analyze recent lessons for the amount of movement TPTs incorporated.
- Embed movement and guided note taking into your next lesson.
- Analyze the results of embedding movement and guided note-taking activities into your lesson.

Module 5

- Create TPT tool boxes that allow your interactive lessons to run more smoothly.
- Analyze your personal belief system about your students as it relates to the “I Trust” statements.
- Analyze the level of student participation and voice in the classroom as it relates to the building of a classroom community.

Module 6

- Conduct a quadrant analysis using an online demonstration teaching video.
- Reflect on the benefits of collaboration as a means of improving teaching effectiveness.
- Conduct a quadrant analysis for a lesson you record, observe, or review.

Course Syllabus

<p>Module 1</p>	<p>The High Cost of Disengagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: The High Cost of Disengagement • Reading 2: A Sobering Lesson • Video: Introducing Total Participation Techniques • Check for Understanding • Application: What Is a Good Day of Learning? • Module Journal
<p>Module 2</p>	<p>Higher-Order Thinking and Cognitive Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: A Model for Total Participation and Higher-Order Thinking • Reading 2: <i>EL</i>—How to Know What Students Know • Video: The Effects of Rippling Prompts • Check for Understanding • Application: TPT Cognitive Engagement Model • Module Journal
<p>Module 3</p>	<p>On-the-Spot TPTs and Hold-Ups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: On-the-Spot TPTs • Reading 2: TPT Hold-Ups • Video: TPTs in Action • Check for Understanding • Application: Incorporate On-the-Spot TPTs and Hold-Ups • Module Journal
<p>Module 4</p>	<p>Movement and Guiding Note Taking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: TPTs Involving Movement • Reading 2: TPTs to Guide Note-Taking and Concept Analysis • Reading 3: <i>EL</i>—Moving with the Brain in Mind • Video: Using Movement and Guiding Note Taking • Check for Understanding • Application: Incorporate Movement and Note Taking • Module Journal

Module 5	Designing a TPT-Conducive Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: TPT Tools and Supplies • Reading 2: Building a TPT-Conducive Classroom • Reading 3: <i>EU</i>—More than Words: Developing Core Speaking and Listening Skills • Video 1: TPT Tools Boxes • Video 2: Using TPTs with English Language Learners • Check for Understanding • Application 1: TPT Tool Boxes • Application 2: Analyze Your Beliefs • Module Journal
Module 6	Collaboration and Teaching for Participation and Higher-Order Thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1: A Professional Learning Activity • Reading 2: <i>EL</i>—Rethinking Classroom Observation • Video: Using the TPT Cognitive Engagement Model During Peer Coaching • Check for Understanding • Application: Conduct a Quadrant Analysis • Module Journal

Resources

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Video

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