



ISTE's Summer Learning Academy 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Introducing ISTE's Summer Learning Academy 2020!

The International Society for Technology in Education has launched a Summer Learning Academy to prepare K-12 educators for teaching in online and blended learning settings this fall. **For just \$20**, educators can enhance their online teaching skills through a three-week, 15-hour PD program featuring four self-paced microcourses, 12+ webinars from online learning experts, access to a personal learning community and fun weekly prizes.

Schedule

You can find the full program schedule, including presenters and session descriptions, on our [website](#).

Program Overview

What does ISTE's Summer Learning Academy 2020 program include?

The Summer Learning Academy 2020 is a 3-week program from July 13–31 that includes access to four [ISTE U microcourses](#), daily webinars from experts and a discussion community. To earn a completion certification, participants also must submit a final reflection. This program takes approximately 15 hours to successfully complete. Find the full presenter schedule [here](#). On Fridays, ISTE will recap weekly highlights, lead activities to help you recharge and offer fun giveaways to take back to your classrooms. On Friday, July 24, ISTE CEO Richard Culatta and

actor, singer, songwriter Telly Leung will host a one-hour conversation with special guests Melinda Doolittle, singer, author and "American Idol" star, and 2018 Louisiana Teacher of the Year Kimberly Eckert. This session will serve as a celebration to thank educators for their innovative spirits, dynamic teaching strategies and unstoppable perseverance. Thoughtful talks will be interspersed with musical performances by our guests.

How do I successfully complete the program?

In order to earn a certificate of completion for 15 hours of ISTE professional development, participants must complete all four microcourses by earning an 80% or better on each microcourse assessment, attend or view at least seven hours of webinars and submit a final reflection by **October 31, 2020**. No extensions will be granted.

Do I need to attend all events live?

No. This is a flexible program. All webinars will be recorded. Participants may complete the microcourses and watch webinar recordings at their own pace and on their own schedule. The last live webinars will be on July 31, 2020, but the recorded webinars and microcourses will remain available until **October 31, 2020**.

What if I do not complete the program by October 31, 2020?

After October 31, participants will no longer be able to earn a certificate of completion. Participants will have read-only access to view the Summer Learning Academy content until December 31, 2020.

When does registration for Summer Learning Academy close?

Registration for ISTE's Summer Learning Academy is now closed.

Webinars

How can I access the webinars?

Once you're logged in to learn.iste.org, click into Summer Learning Academy under My Courses. In the top navigation bar, select "Content." From the Table of Contents on the left side, select "Webinars." You will see a list of all webinars. Click into each webinar to access the webinar description and a link to join.

For more tips, view our [Webinar Troubleshooting Guide!](#)

How long do webinars last?

Each webinar session taking place on Mondays through Thursdays will last approximately 60 min. Friday Funday webinars on July 17 and July 31 will last approximately 30 minutes. The Friday Funday webinar with special guests on Friday, July 24 will last approximately 60 min. Tools that Work sessions scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays will last approximately 30 min.

Will the webinars be recorded? What about the resources I saw in the webinar tonight?

Recordings, transcripts, and resources (including slides) from tonight's webinar will be posted in the LMS within one-two business days in the Online Learning Environment (learn.iste.org).

I have a question about webinar content. Where should I ask it?

During the live webinar, you can add your question to the Webinar Q+A. After the webinar, questions for presenters about content should be added in the Post-Webinar Discussions forum. To access, select "Discussions" in the top navigation bar, then scroll down and click into Post-Webinar Discussions. Find the appropriate thread for the webinar where you want to ask a question.

What accommodations are available to me during and after the webinar?

If you do not need Closed Captioning, you can close them by pressing the X or click on the feature a second time to toggle off of it. The recording will include closed captions. Also, a transcription of the webinar will be made available within 1-2 business days after the presentation.

How do I navigate the Zoom webinar? What about the chat features?

If the chat is overwhelming. Make sure you click "chat" and open this feature so that notifications do not crowd the bottom of your screen. You can then drag the pop-up window to the side of your screen.

You do not need to mute your microphone or video. That has been done for you.

Completion Criteria

What do I do to successfully complete the Summer Learning Academy program?

To successfully complete the program, earn your certificate of completion and be eligible for graduate-level credit, you will need to do the following by **October 31, 2020**:

1. Pass an assessment for each of the four microcourses with a score of 80% or higher
2. Attend (or view recordings of) at least seven hours of webinars
3. Submit a final reflection, including takeaways from the courses and webinars

How do I show proof I've completed the webinars and microcourses?

To earn a certificate of completion, participants must complete a final reflection that lists their webinars attended and addresses takeaways from both the webinars and microcourses. This is how we verify completion. There is no survey following each webinar and you will not see it checked off as “complete” in the online learning environment. Don't worry!

Graduate-Level Credit and CEUs

How can I earn graduate-level credit?

ISTE has partnered with Dominican University of California to provide graduate-level credit for the Summer Learning Academy. For more information about the partner and how they issue credit, go [here](#).

In order to receive graduate-level credit, you must complete all requirements for this program and earn the certificate of completion. For the 15-hour SLA program, you can earn one graduate-level credit.

Where do I register for graduate-level credit?

You can register for graduate-level credit through our partner, Dominican University of California, for an additional fee (\$65/credit) after July 13, 2020. The steps for registration with this partner will be provided after the start of the program. To be eligible for credit, you must complete all requirements and earn your certificate of completion. For the 15-hour Summer Learning Academy program, you can earn one graduate-level credit.

How much does graduate-level credit cost?

For the 15-hour SLA program, you can earn one graduate-level credit. Our partner, Dominican University of California, charges \$65 for the credit.

Can I earn continuing education units (CEUs) or credits to apply toward my re-licensure?

ISTE is not authorized to grant CEUs directly. States and districts have their own requirements for earning continuing education credits. Please check with your district or state professional development office to determine eligibility before enrolling in the Summer Learning Academy.

ISTE can assist you in earning CEU credits by providing you with a certificate of completion, which includes the hours for the program, that you can print or share digitally.

Educators from **Illinois, Maryland, and Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia**, are eligible for continuing education credit if they successfully complete the program. Educators from Maryland and Fairfax County Public Schools should contact their LEA for details. ISTE has partnered with **Illinois Digital Educators Alliance (IDEA)** to provide Illinois educators the professional development hours (PDH's) to use toward their ISBE professional development clock hours.

ISTE U Microcourses

What if I've already registered for one or more microcourses?

If you have registered for the microcourse(s) within the past seven days and you wish to withdraw and take advantage of the all Summer Learning Academy content, you are eligible for a 50% refund. Please contact iste@iste.org. Note that you will lose access to the microcourse until the Summer Learning Academy starts.

What if I've already successfully completed a microcourse?

If you have enrolled in the Summer Learning Academy and have already successfully passed a microcourse assessment and earned your certificate, please reach out to isteu@iste.org prior to July 31, 2020. We will automatically update your progress in the Summer Learning Academy to reflect your quiz score(s).

Program and Membership

Can I register for ISTE membership and the Summer Learning Academy?

Yes. When you register, you will be taken to the confirmation page where you have two options. You can select to register for the Summer Learning Academy only or you can purchase the \$80 bundled option of Summer Learning Academy (\$20) and ISTE membership (at discounted pricing of \$60).

What if I decide I want to purchase my ISTE membership at the discounted pricing after I have registered for Summer Learning Academy?

That's OK! After registering for the Summer Learning Academy, you'll receive an email confirmation that includes the promo code that allows you to take advantage of discounted membership pricing. If you have any difficulties with redeeming the code, please email us.

Group Enrollment and Discounts

Are group enrollments available?

Not at this time. Due to high demand (over 15k participants!), enrollment is now closed.

Refunds

I can no longer attend. How do I get a refund?

There will be no refunds issued for ISTE's Summer Learning Academy. If you wish to withdraw before the Summer Learning Academy start date, you may transfer into an ISTE U Microcourse of your choice. No transfers will be granted after the start date (July 13, 2020). If you wish to withdraw and transfer, please contact iste@iste.org.

Additional Information

For questions, contact iste@iste.org.