

# Demystifying

Who Should Attend? Teachers. Teacher Coaches, Principals, Curriculum **Administrators** 

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### **Vertically Aligned Practices in Science Education**



6.5 PD Hours or Administrator Academy Credit

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High-quality science instruction embodies a combination of explicit instruction of NGSS scientific practices and core scientific information. Come experience multiple practical methods of centering relevant instruction on scientific practices at all grade levels. You will explore how to use the NGSS website to plan a vertically- and horizontally aligned curriculum. After experiencing science instruction centered on NGSS scientific practices, we will discuss how to evaluate and develop science instruction that explicitly teaches NGSS scientific practices from kindergarten through high school.

#### **SUCCESS CRITERIA:**

- Participants will be able to evaluate science instruction with confidence and effectiveness.
- Participants will identify the three NGSS strands and how they relate to their teaching context.
- Participants will be able to visualize and articulate NGSS scientific practices involved in highquality science lessons to optimize student growth.
- Participants will have an evolved definition of high-quality science instruction and a deeper sense of effective methods used for students to grow their scientific expertise.

#### Presented by

## **JEFF SPENCER AND STACIE FRANCE**

Jeff Spencer is a science instructional coach with the Illinois Regional Office of Education #17 and a researcher at the University of Michigan studying the design, implementation, and adaptation

of culturally relevant teaching materials in the classroom. His work focuses on building professional learning structures that support the implementation of practices-based science education in classrooms throughout Illinois. Prior to this, Jeff was a high school science teacher. for six years at a large, diverse high school in Aurora, CO. At this position, he led teacher professional development around cultural relevance and mentored young teachers as they engaged with the culture of their young teachers as they engaged with the culture of their community. He is also a senior fellow with the Knowles Teacher Initiative, an organization geared towards supporting secondary teacher development and building leadership capacity and is involved in design and facilitation with Open Sci Ed, Modeling Instruction, and the POGIL project. When not teaching and doing research, Jeff spends time with his family, enjoys cooking and eating all types of food, and is an avid cyclist.

Stacie France, a former National **Board Certified science teacher and** department head, is the Lead Hub

Director with the Regional Office Of Education #17 and an Assistant Professor at Illinois State University. Stacie is in the final phases of her dissertation, focusing on trust-building habits of novice school administrators. Her professional efforts focus on growing strong leaders for stronger schools by developing organizational leadership aptitudes in aspiring through retiring school leaders. She led professional development on the Next Generation Science Standards, standards-based instruction and assessment, and the power of formative assessment to personalize learning opportunities for all students. Stacie transitioned into administration at the building level as an Assistant Principal then as a Principal, earning the Illinois State University Principal of the Year Award in 2019 and a Those Who Excel Meritorious Service Award in 2022. To recharge, Stacie spends time with family and her two bullmastiffs, Junior and Tank. Every chance she gets, Stacie celebrates the beauty of nature by being outside.

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