



Assessment Focused on Learning

Acuity Professional Development

Empower Your Educators with Acuity Professional Development

Acuity® puts a robust set of interim and formative solutions into your classrooms—and the right tools to make it easier to spot learning gaps and address them quickly with targeted instruction.

Acuity Professional Development will ensure that your educators use Acuity successfully to diagnose and assess student skills and ongoing progress, present information in easy-to-understand reports, and keep students moving forward with informed instruction and engaging and targeted instructional practice.

Acuity Professional Development helps educators by:

- Delivering high-quality courses from skilled trainers with thorough Acuity knowledge
- Providing a flexible menu of on-site or online training offerings
- Engaging educators with hands-on activities to teach Acuity concepts
- Including a wide range of topics for pre- and post-assessment
- Meeting your teaching and learning objectives with customized Acuity training options

A Full Range of Professional Development Options

Acuity Professional Development complements your school or district plans to improve achievement.

Training is designed to meet the needs of two audiences. The first includes district representatives, who want to master the skills and knowledge necessary to train others to use Acuity; the second includes classroom teachers who want to learn the skills necessary to administer tests and use the results to inform their own classroom instruction.

Acuity Professional Development features the following course types:

- Introductory training designed to acquaint users to basic Acuity functions
- On-site training for continuing professional development focused on Acuity data and its application in the classroom
- Certification training to help you provide quality Acuity Professional Development throughout your school or district
- Web-based training—or webinars—designed to provide convenient access to a variety of topic-specific courses
- Customized training workshops that meet your individual school or district needs

Additional On-Site Professional Development Conveniently Delivered to Your School or District

Once you complete one of the introductory on-site Acuity Professional Development courses, choose from any one of these additional offerings.

These optional on-site courses provide hands-on training that teaches educators to effectively analyze data to gain powerful and actionable information, help students with personalized learning paths, and/or build skills to effectively train others to use Acuity.

Acuity Data Analysis: Understanding Reports

ISBN: C8752400

On site only • One six-hour day; maximum of 25 participants • District representatives or teachers • Pre-Requisite: Introduction to Acuity for District Representatives or Classroom Teachers

Access, understand, and use Acuity Reports and graphic organizers to analyze student and group performance data and create short- and long-term action plans.

Advanced Acuity: Inform Curriculum in Response to Data

ISBN: C8752500

On site only • Two recommended six-hour days; maximum of 25 participants • District representatives or teachers • Pre-Requisite: Introduction to Acuity for District Representatives or Classroom Teachers, and Acuity Data Analysis

Use data as a collaboration tool to drive instructional planning and differentiate instruction. Create action plans and instructional strategies to improve student achievement or provide enrichment opportunities. Compare building/class and district data, and identify “cut points” for each content strand for each grade. Discuss probable causes for student performance results, and build accountability measures to track progress.

- Each day focuses on one subject: reading/language arts or math only. If you choose one day, the workshop focuses on only one subject selected by the district.

Acuity Recertification for Trainers

ISBN: C6000400

On site only • One six-hour day; maximum of 10 participants • Offered only to Acuity certified educators

This annual professional development workshop for Master Trainers reviews new Acuity features and functions and system enhancements. It helps ensure ongoing successful and effective use of the assessment system to improve student performance.

Customized Workshops Build District Leadership and Deliver Targeted Training

A variety of customized workshops are available at any time throughout the year.

Acuity Customized Workshops

ISBN: C8752600

CTB/McGraw-Hill is pleased to work with you to create tailored Acuity workshops—on any topic you choose—to help address achievement goals that are specific to your school or district. These workshops extend the regular Acuity Professional Development training options to provide a comprehensive understanding of using Acuity and data-driven instruction to improve student achievement. Developing a customized Acuity workshop in your school or district can be an effective way to build consensus around your teaching and learning objectives and develop achievement plans. Note: customized workshops require four weeks advance notification.

Web-Based Training for Ongoing Acuity Professional Development

Brief, timely, and topic-specific webinars ensure school and district achievement goals remain top of mind for your educators.

Acuity Professional Development Webinars

60 minutes; maximum of 15 participants

These cost-effective webinars provide educators with expertise in specific Acuity functions. Webinars are provided on an ongoing basis to encourage consistent and knowledgeable use of the Acuity solution. Registration and attendance are convenient—make a simple telephone call and CTB will arrange a time and day to meet your busy schedule. To participate in a webinar, you only need access to a computer with a Broadband Web connection and a speakerphone.

Topics include:

- Acuity Roles and Permissions (*ISBN: C8753800*)
- Preparing for an Acuity Assessment (*ISBN: C8753801*)
- Scoring Acuity Constructed-Response Items (*ISBN: C8753802*)
- Acuity Reports Overview (*ISBN: C8753803*)
- Creating an Acuity Custom Test (*ISBN: C8753804*)
- Assigning Acuity Instructional Resources (*ISBN: C8753805*)
- Acuity Item Authoring (*ISBN: C8753806*)
- Acuity Scan and Score Procedures (*ISBN: C8753807*)
- Acuity Self-Rostering (*ISBN: C6000700*)

Introductory Acuity Professional Development Tailored for New Users

Choose at least one course to acquaint your staff with Acuity functionality.

Required on-site, pre-test training for new Acuity users introduces a solid foundation for working with Acuity. Educators learn to target instruction using Acuity Assessments and Reports, and/or receive skills to train other educators to effectively use Acuity.

Introduction to Acuity for District Representatives or Classroom Teachers

ISBN: C8752300

On site only • One six-hour day; maximum of 25 participants • District representatives or teachers

Educators learn how to navigate Acuity and access reports that drive classroom instruction; view, edit, and add student and/or educator information; easily assign new students to classes and create a custom class.

- The session relates to the specific Acuity modules used in your district: reading/language arts, math, science, and/or algebra. Participants receive an overview of Acuity Assessments and other basic features that help educators improve achievement for all students.

Acuity Certification for Trainers

ISBN: C8754500

On site only • Two six-hour days, plus six hours pre-work; maximum of 10 participants • District representatives

The Acuity Certification Program prepares your educators to become high-quality Acuity district trainers. This program ensures that participants receive the required knowledge and skills to deliver in-depth, engaging Acuity Professional Development sessions on an ongoing basis.

Learn through a combination of delivery methods:

- **Webinars** cover basic Acuity functionality before on-site training
- **Independent, activity-based work** reinforces Acuity webinar concepts
- **On-site training** provides hands-on sessions related to all core Acuity skills and topics. Participants demonstrate proficiency through a 10-minute presentation and an online assessment. Presentation skills are assessed to confirm trainers are ready to train other district educators.

Acuity UnWired™ Workshop

ISBN: C6001400

On site only • One six-hour day or two three-hour days; maximum of 25 participants • District representatives or teachers

This workshop is designed to provide educators with the necessary tools to administer Acuity Assessments using either Qwizdom™ or eInstruction™ clickers. Participants will learn the necessary pre-assessment steps such as installing software, creating test assignments, and other logistical needs to enable a smooth transition from previous testing structures. Through a series of demonstration and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to: use both the clickers and the Acuity UnWired software, log students into the clicker, monitor student progress, and troubleshoot issues during the test administration. There will also be facilitated discussions on school policies regarding clicker implementation and best practices for introducing clickers to other staff members and students.

Become an Acuity Power User with Targeted Training

Acuity Professional Development ensures that you are using Acuity successfully to diagnose and assess student skills, track progress, create powerful reports, and move students forward with engaging and targeted instructional practice.

On-site and online courses are available for district representatives and teachers for reading/language arts, math, and science for Grades 3–8; and algebra for Grades 6–12.

Let Us Help You Plan Your Professional Development

Call CTB/McGraw-Hill today at 800.538.9547 to register for Acuity Professional Development training designed to help you improve student achievement for your school or district.

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