

# Education Progress Specialists

Every student deserves an exceptional education, and to provide experiences that include, engage, and motivate student learning there must be exceptional teachers who strive to transform learning every day. At CTL, teaching and learning are in our DNA and we strive to feed our passion for learning by engaging with these “specialists” to ensure that we are continually pushing ourselves and empowering the next generation of educators.

CTL identifies areas of challenge and recruits teacher leaders from KY, TN, IN, and OH to study, explore, and refine approaches and practices. Specialists convene for at least six months and up to a year to study together, share their experiences, test new approaches across a variety of topics and settings.

With 25 years experience leading educational thought and educator development, CTL launches the EPS with the capacity to create an environment suitable for Specialists’ knowledge, willingness, and passion for excellence. Each group of specialists will collaborate to expand their knowledge as well as share their learning with teachers throughout the region and nation.

As challenges of practice are identified, CTL will provide specialists space to dig deeper into the research in the field, create plans of action, test theories, and expand their thinking. In their time together - gathering in person twice as a group, virtually more often, and in small coaching groups when applicable - Specialists work collaboratively with CTL Program Staff and other Specialists to build a better understanding and instructional approach.

The EPS experience culminates in the Specialists’ transforming curriculum and/or instruction as it relates to exceptional learning experiences. Final products - made public to all - may take the form of conference presentations, articles, or modifications to CTL programming. Along the way, CTL will document the Specialists’ progress and process through tools of a virtual community, such as social media, podcasts, and publication.

Ultimately, the goal of the work CTL does with Specialists is to build a strong community of practitioners and ensure continued focus on excellent education for all students.