### Lesson Design for Professional School Counselors: Make Your Lessons EPIC!

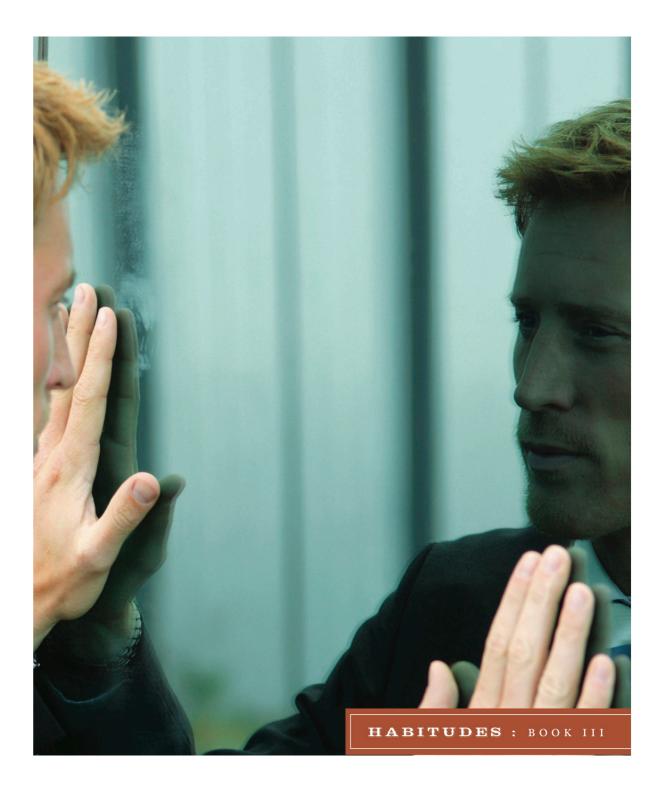
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### Break-Out Session Plan:

- Define & explore the elements of effective lesson design
- *Demonstrate* effective delivery of the school counseling curriculum
- *Make use of* the principles of effective lesson design by *polishing* a sample counseling core curriculum lesson
- Brainstorm ideas for expanding your reach and gaining access to students in the classroom

#### But First, Let's Move!

The Mirror Effect



### How are *your* students different as a result of your work as a school counselor?

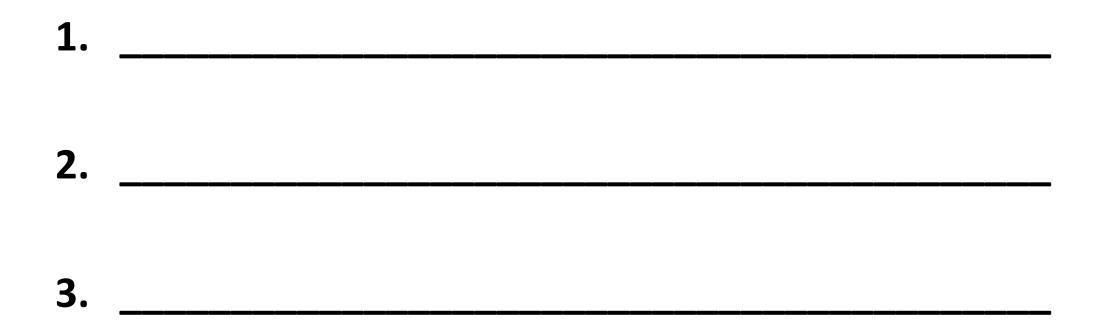
"We must learn to evaluate our work critically. Teaching does not occur in the absence of learning. Therefore, regardless of how well you perform or how hard you work, the harsh reality is this: if your students haven't learned it, then you haven't taught it. It's just that simple."

> Dr. Shirley Haley-James, Professor of English, Georgia State University (Ret.) Former President, National Council for Teachers of English

# Step One

Define and explore the elements of effective lesson design

# Effective Communicators Understand & Use 3 Important Learning Tools:





### Didn't I tell you this already?

#### CONFIDENT

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### The Internal Journey of the Learner

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Desire)
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Resist)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Connect)

- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ignite)
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Process)

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- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (Conclude)
- s) I need to interact & work this out.
- clude) My brain filters & finds new ideas.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Act) Now,
- Now, I must do something about this.

My brain is clicking & my feelings are stirring.

I have a need that must be resolved.

I don't like feeling out-of-place or

uncomfortable; this is unfamiliar

Wait, something is familiar here.

### Steps to the Ultimate Lesson

- 1. Engage the learner.
- 2. Create a dilemma or problem to be solved.
- 3. Introduce the central image.
- Invite students to participate in the conversation do something!
- 5. Relate the topic back to students.
- 6. Engage the heart to make the image stick.

# Teach Something. Do Something.

It's that simple.

### Your Lessons Must be EPIC:

- E Experiential
- P Participatory
- I Image Rich
- C Connected



# Picture Perfect: Why Teaching with Images is So Effective

- Pictures Stick: We remember pictures long after words have left us.
- Learners Visualize: The majority of people are visual learners
- Images Engage Our Emotions: Brains emote before they act; therefore, images grip new portions of our minds and make us want to express and respond.
- Pictures Tell Stories: Images have the ability to spark a new idea or thought each and every time you look at it.

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### Phase Two

*Demonstrate* effective delivery of the school counseling curriculum

As You Participate in the Demonstrations, Make Note of the Following Elements:

- What is the central image driving the lesson or activity?
- What is the simple, declarative message associated with the lesson?
- How does the lesson engage the learner, evoke emotion, or create a dilemma/conflict that must be resolved?
- How does each lesson move back and forth between teaching a concept and then doing something with that concept?

Lesson Analysis Chart					
Element	Lesson Idea:	Lesson Idea:	Lesson Idea:	Lesson Idea:	
Central Image					
Simple, Declarative Statement or Marketing Message					
Vehicle for Engaging the Learner					
Teach Something, Do Something					

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated by adding the total number of quality points earned divided by the total number of credit hours attempted. To calculate your **CORE (HOPE) GPA**, identify the subjects that are part of the **CORE** Curriculum: **English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Modern/Romance** 

Each class on the block schedule = 1 credit

100-90	= A = 4 points	Example:	
89-80	=B = 3 points	English 85	= 3
79-74	=C = 2 points	Math 78	= 2
73-70	= D = 1 points	Spanish 84	= 3
69-0	=F = 0 points	PE 93	$\frac{= 4}{12/4} = 3.0$

#### **GPA**

For example:

taken. Total # of A's x4 =Total # of B's x3 =\_\_\_\_ x2= Total # of C's Total # of D's x 1 = Total # of F's  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{0} =$ Total # classes Total # points Divide # of points/# of classes = Points **Mv GPA** Classes

To calculate your **Cumulative GPA**: total the following for every course taken.

GPA **Calculate Your HOPE** 

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### The Lesson

- 1. Activator: 3-minute memory walk
- 2. Present the Image: Feeling continuum
- 3. Discussion:
  - Reasons a brain moves on the continuum
  - Coping strategies
- 4. Demonstration: Paper ball game
- 5. Contrast Depression and "Depressed"
- 6. Discussion: Identify thinking patterns

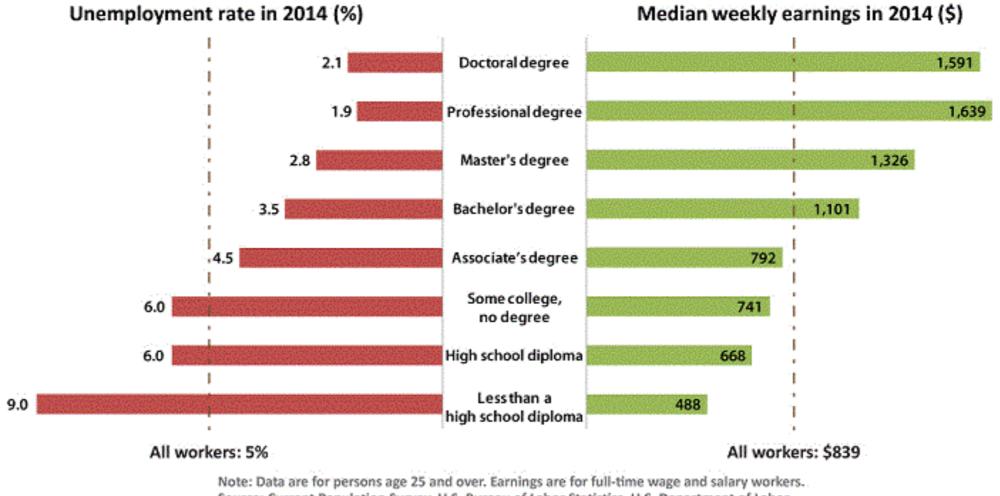
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# Phase Three

Make use of the principles of effective lesson design by polishing a sample counseling core curriculum lesson

#### Practice: Reframe the Lesson

#### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

#### Tips for Expanding Your Reach:

- Provide value to the teacher
- Seek partnerships
- Drop the G-Word completely!
- Learn to say, "Core Classroom Lessons"
- Leverage the teachers' needs to address your own — you're not an add-on service
- Identify those 24/7 teachable moments
- Remain true to your brand
- Assert yourself:

http://potential2success.com/assertingyourselfeffectively.html

Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder. -Rumi

## Q&A

#### What can we do to support you?

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