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## QualityCore®—Year 2 Implementation Training, Professional Development and Resources

### Face-to-Face Training

| Description                                      | Intended Audience | Location   | Date  | COOP  | Contact   |
|--|-------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Educator Resources/ Data Interpretation Training | All Educators     | Corbin   | August 27   | Southeast/ Southcentral   | 859/ 622-2581   |
|  |                   | Ashland  | August 30   | Kentucky Educational Development Corporation                      | 606/ 928-0205   |
|  |                   | Shelbyville  | September 5   | Ohio Valley   | 502/ 647-3533   |
|  |                   | Lexington  | September 6   | Central Kentucky and Kentucky Educational Development Corporation | 859/ 232-8885   |
|  |                   | Bowling Green  | September 7   | Green River Regional  | 270/ 563-2113   |
|  |                   | Eddyville  | September 12  | West Kentucky   | 270/ 809-6989   |
| Five-Day Professional Development                | All Educators     | Marriott Louisville East, 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY, 40299 | October 2-4<br>8:00am-3:30pm<br><br>Two additional days TBD | Sponsored by ACT, Inc.  | <a href="mailto:QualityCore@PD@act.org">QualityCore@PD@act.org</a><br>for cost and registration |

### On-Demand Video

| Description  | Intended Audience                        | Link   |
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| Accessing the QualityCore® Secure System                       | All Educators                            | <a href="http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/before.html">http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/before.html</a>                                      |
| QualityCore® Implementation Timeline Tasks                     | DACs or Building Administrators          | <a href="http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/before.html">http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/before.html</a>                                      |
| QualityCore® System Administration                             | DACs and District/ School IT Specialists | Available August 27  |
| Getting Started with Educator's Resources in the Online System | All Educators                            | <a href="https://video.leducation.ky.gov/On-Demand2017/QualityCore%209-8-2017.wmv">https://video.leducation.ky.gov/On-Demand2017/QualityCore® 9-8-2017.wmv</a> |
| Data Interpretation Training                                   | All Educators                            | Available September 17   |
| Educator Resources Training                                    | All Educators                            | Available September 17   |
| Data Interpretation Training                                   | All Educators                            | Available September 17   |

## **Resources**

### ***Websites***

#### **Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) End-of-Course**

<http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/index.html>

On this webpage, you will find multiple resources that will help you become familiar with QualityCore®. There are video resources that will show you how to complete the steps required before the delivery of test materials. You will also have access to videos that discuss accessing the Educator Resources and Test Builder Tools. Everything that is covered in the videos is also available in a PDF format.

#### **Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) End-of-Course**

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Testing+and+Reporting+/District+Support/End-of-Course+Information/>.

At the KDE webpage, you will find information on the state EOC assessments. There are guidelines for creating QualityCore® user accounts, a constructed response outline and sample assessment items for each of the state required assessments, Algebra II, Biology, English II, and U.S. History.

### ***Educator Resources***

#### **Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS)**

Kentucky's CIITS connects standards, instructional resources, curriculum, instruction, professional learning and formative assessments together. Available within the CIITS system are formative item pools from each of the QualityCore® assessments offered by ACT.

#### **QualityCore® Educator Resources**

Located within the Vantage online system, educators have the following resources produced by the developers of QualityCore®: Educator's Guide, Course Objectives/ Standards, Course Description and Syllabus, Rigor and Relevance Template, Course Outline, EOC Test Blueprint, Instructional Unit Plans, Guidelines for Developing Instructional Units, Formative Item Pool, Benchmark Assessments, and a Sample Unit for each of the state required assessments, Algebra II, Biology, English II, and U.S. History. As mentioned above, an on-demand video is available.

### **Implementation Training**

ACT offers implementation training in various modes of delivery for QualityCore® clients. This implementation training provides support to new users accessing the QualityCore® online system. This training provides district and building level leadership, teachers, and support staff with log-in support to the QualityCore® system and maneuvering within it. This ongoing support will provide direction on accessing educator resources, uploading users to create end-of-course rosters, and access to reports after students have tested. Continued ACT customer service is provided to QualityCore® users at no cost by phone as well as in person. As mentioned above, an on-demand video is available.

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## Professional Development

### Five-Day Professional Development

QualityCore® offers an aligned and cohesive professional development system designed to help teachers, counselors, and school leaders understand and maximize the academic readiness and academic behaviors of their students.

Five-day professional development provides practical, comprehensive experience in utilizing online QualityCore® resources in conjunction with existing curriculum. After completing the series, teachers will understand how to structure their courses to promote high academic achievement for every student. Core concepts include the use of data and the analysis of student work to measure academic readiness and differentiate assignments to meet the needs of individual students. The five-day model, with its two follow-up sessions, reinforces the skills learned and supports teachers as they implement changes in their classrooms.

### Features

The five-day series includes a three-day session at the beginning of the school year, a single-day fall session, and a single-day winter/ spring session.

Professional Development is offered by domain, in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies.

Each event is facilitated by master teachers trained in ACT research and methodology.

Materials include a Participant Handbook, Educator's Toolbox, course-specific binder, and additional model units, when available.

The series is affordable at a total cost of \$750 per person for the five days of training. Events are invoiced per session: \$450 per person for Days 1-3, \$150 per person for Day 4, and \$150 per person for Day 5.

Professional Development may be facilitated within the client's district, with a minimum enrollment of 15 participants per domain. Contact the nearest [ACT Field Office](#) for more details.

Register: [www.act.org/QualityCore/prodev](http://www.act.org/QualityCore/prodev)