

MTI101: Strategies for Ending the School Year on a Positive Note using the Tarbiyah Approach

Dates: Sat, May 4 & Sat, May 11, 2024
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COURSE OVERVIEW

Ending the school year on a positive note is not only important for our students but also for the teachers as the Messenger of Allah (saw) is reported to have said, “Indeed, deeds are based on their endings.” (Bukhari, 6607). In other words, deeds are judged by Allah according to how they end. Ending the school year on a positive note is also important in establishing a growth mindset and setting the stage for future successes. In this hands-on, online micro course, teachers will plan for the last days of school using the Prophetic model of teaching with tarbiyah via Online Modules and a set of carefully curated teacher tested resources.

Prerequisites:

- Currently employed as a teacher at a full-time MAC School.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

1. Integrate the Prophetic (saw) tarbiyah framework of teaching and learning
2. Use lessons from Surah An-Nasr to design learning experiences that inspire self-assessment, reflection, learning, and a growth mindset for students as well as for teachers.
3. Use data from assessments and surveys to plan the next steps.
4. Develop innovative and student-centered learning materials and processes that are research driven and incorporate the effective use of technology to advance student learning.
5. Model the collaborative construction of knowledge by interacting, collaborating, and publishing with students, colleagues, and experts employing a variety of digital environments and media.
6. Evaluate and select information sources and digital tools based on the appropriateness of the specific task.

KNOWLEDGE BASE

There is no textbook assigned to this course. All relevant readings will be provided via the Canvas LMS. Material may consist of teacher made resources, scholarly articles, YouTube

videos, newsletters, and/or podcasts. You will be required to create logins and/or subscribe to a number of FREE resources throughout the course.

TOPICS COVERED

- The concept of education in Islam
 - Strengthening relationships with students and parents
 - Boosting student motivation
 - Ending with clear expectations
 - Self-improvement through self-assessment
 - Providing hope
 - Importance of gratefulness at journey's end
 - Establishing a caring classroom culture
 - Plan for the last days of school
 - Key lessons and activities to be covered during last days of school
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TO UNDERTAKE THIS COURSE, YOU NEED

- Access to a personal computer with Internet connectivity, microphone, and webcam;
- Access to a smartphone or tablet (iOS or Android) and the ability to download free apps;
- A personal gmail account;
- An account with Canvas LMS provided by the MAC Teacher Institute;
- The ability to retrieve documents and conduct research online;

EXPECTATIONS

- Attendance: While all course content is delivered online, attendance during the live online sessions is required in order to receive the course completion certificate. So please sign up only if you can attend the live sessions.
 - Readings: Course-related readings and activities should be completed before each class.
 - Interaction: Your regular, productive contribution to online classroom discourse is expected.
 - Scholarship: You will be expected to become familiar with scholarship in education and to demonstrate this familiarity in your discussions and work.
 - Respect: The topics covered by this course may generate strong positions, and we need to be able to explicate them honestly and candidly, but respectfully. Our chief goal should be to shed light rather than fire. This means supporting our arguments with data and logic and refusing to get emotionally inflamed when others express opinions we do not agree with.
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There are no graded assignments in this course. However, you will be working on the document titled "My Plan for the Last Days of School" that you will be submitting and will receive feedback. Students are expected to complete the following milestones in order to receive the course completion certificate:

Milestone 1: Attend both live class sessions

You must attend both live class sessions and actively participate in them.

Milestone 2: My Plan for the Last Days of School

You will use a template and work to create your plan for the last days of school using a shared Google document. You will be expected to actively participate in the document with your original contributions as well as by providing feedback to contributions from other students. You will receive feedback on this from the instructor as well as from other students.

Milestone 3: Group Presentation of “My plan for the Last Days of School”

You will select some elements of the plan and present it to the rest of the class. This is just an informal sharing session.

Milestone 4: Online Discussion

There will be an online discussion forum for the duration of the course. You should contribute to the discussion by making at least 3 posts (either by creating a post or by responding to a post).

Milestone 5: Final Reflection and Course Exit Survey

You will share five key takeaways as part of the final reflection for this course and complete a Course Exit Survey.

COURSE SCHEDULE MTI100 for Fall 2023

Sessions/Topics	Activities & Assignments	Due ¹	X
Live Online Class Session 1: Tuesday, May 4, 2024 from 10 am – 1pm EST Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening relationships with students and parents - Boosting student motivation - Ending with clear expectations - Self-improvement through self-assessment - Providing hope 	Milestone 1: Attend live Class Session 1	4/5	
	Login to Canvas LMS	4/5	
	Milestone 4: Post 1-Online Discussion	4/5	
	Milestone 2: Share draft of your “Plan for last days” with a classmate	4-5/5	
	Milestone 2: Peer review of the “Plan for last days”	6-9/6	
	Milestone 4: Post 2 – Online Discussion	8/5	
Live Online Class Session 1: Thursday, May 11, 2024 from 10 am – 1pm EST Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of gratefulness at journey’s end - Establishing a caring classroom culture - Plan for the last days of school - Key lessons and activities to be covered during last days of school 	Milestone 1: Attend live Class Session 2	11/5	
	Milestone 2: Finalize presentation for “Plan for Last Days”	11/5	
	Milestone 3: Present 1 element of “Plan for Last Days”	11/5	
	Milestone 4: Post 3 – Online Discussion	11/5	
	Milestone 5: Final Reflection and Course Exit Survey	13/5	

¹ All assignments are due by 11:59PM EDT/EST on the due date.