

# 90 Hour Gifted Provisional Training via Zoom

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## **(45 Hour courses are similar – just different topics with 3 Zoom sessions and 2 Extension Activities)**

Welcome to a community of people who are excited about better meeting the needs of their gifted children, students, self, and significant others (bonus discovery)! For several years I had been doing this training face-to-face around the state of Arizona and in Bogota, Colombia, with a room full of enthusiastic teachers sitting in table groups, sharing, practicing Kagan movement strategies and having great conversations. Spring 2020 changed that model and now we are zooming into Zoom! My 2020 spring sessions with teachers and university students showed me the possibilities of reaching a group of people in a novel situation. It still works! Through the many technology tools in Zoom we are still able to meet in groups, discuss, and have meaningful interactions. Thanks for beginning this journey with this cohort!

The five days of training highlight various areas of giftedness. We look at the many characteristics and identification of gifted children (including the underserved populations), meeting the social and emotional needs of the gifted, take a look at critical thinking in our classrooms, examine and plan for differentiation for our students and finish up with STEM and creativity in giftedness. Of course, many other topics come up during the course of our time together.

The three days for the 45 Hour, Meeting the Needs of the Gifted, training is an extension of the 90 Hour and has even more topics to ponder as you delve deeper into giftedness. The 45 Hour, Gifted: All Aboard, training is looking at curriculum planning. This will help you start from scratch to get your gifted program up and running.

Materials for the class include: composition notebook, pen, colored pencils, highlighter, computer technology which connects to Zoom and has a camera so you may be 'present' during our class. The day before our session, I will send you the Zoom link.

Before each 6.5-hour Zoom session, you will have two hours of reading, a task, or watching videos to do. The expectation is that you print off and/or highlight in some way so you can talk from your notes or put your notes in your composition notebook. You will be with a group of 4 or 5 people and the expectation is that everyone has done their reading. This will be assigned before each session. Normally these readings are done during the face-to-face class, but instead I am having you do them before our Zoom session begins. You can do them the week before or the morning before the class. I do not give them way ahead of time because people tend to forget what they read or what was shown (maybe I'm judging you by my standards!). Between the pre-readings, which are discussed in our Zoom session, and the 6-hour Zoom session, you will get 8 hours of credit towards the 90 hours (or 45 hours).

After each Zoom Session, I will send you a 10.5-hour independent assignment I call an Extension Activity (sounds better than 'Homework') which will need to be completed within 5-6 months ( For the 45 Hour classes; there are only 2 Extension Activities) . This is a total of 50 hours of work toward the 90 hours of gifted training. These assignments are article readings, TED talks, reading one book, creating a lesson plan, independent study, watching a movie about a gifted person, and other worthwhile tasks. These can be modified to fit your job description. I suggest you do one Extension Activity every month. You will create a FREE account at Dropbox.com to submit your work and where I will look at your accomplishments. I leave comments about your work, but it is not graded; it is checked for thoroughness and fidelity. This is my favorite part! I learn so much from your thoughts, ideas, and resources shared.

You are allowed one absence from the Zoom sessions, but you will need to do an assignment to make up your time. You and I will discuss this as it comes up. If you miss more than one Zoom class session, I will only give you hours for the classes attended and the Extension Activities completed (i.e. 82 out of 90 hours).

Hopefully this has helped you understand a bit about our time together. Hope to 'see' you there!

Vicki