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Cultural Curriculum with Understanding by Design (UbD)

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SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Elevate Your School's Cultural Curriculum with Understanding by Design (UbD)

The Montessori Teachers' Academy at the University of Delaware is proud to offer customized professional development opportunities for schools dedicated to enhancing their cultural curriculums. Our program is designed to embed the Understanding by Design (UbD) framework into your curriculum planning, fostering a deeper, more meaningful learning experience for students.

Why Understanding by Design?

Understanding by Design (UbD) is a powerful framework that encourages educators to think from a backwards-design perspective. By focusing on the desired end results of education, UbD helps teachers create more effective and engaging lessons. The core questions we guide educators to consider are:

- **What do we want our students to truly understand from this study?**
- **How will we know they understand it?**
- **What lessons and activities can we plan to ensure this learning happens?**

Customized Professional Development

At the Montessori Teachers' Academy, we understand that each school has unique needs and goals. Our professional development sessions are tailored to meet those specific needs, ensuring that your educators can seamlessly integrate the UbD framework into their existing cultural curriculum. Our program includes:

- **Workshops and Seminars:** Hands-on, interactive sessions that introduce the principles of UbD and guide educators through the process of backwards design.
- **Collaborative Planning Sessions:** Opportunities for your staff to work together with our experts to design curriculum units that are both engaging and aligned with the UbD

framework.

- **Ongoing Support and Mentorship:** Continuous support to help your educators implement and refine their UbD-based curriculum plans.

Benefits of Our Program

- **Enhanced Student Understanding:** By focusing on what students should understand and how to assess that understanding, educators can create more impactful learning experiences.
- **Improved Lesson Planning:** UbD encourages educators to design lessons that are aligned with desired outcomes, ensuring that every activity has a clear purpose.
- **Increased Engagement:** Lessons designed with UbD are often more engaging for students, as they are centered around meaningful and relevant questions.

Join Us Today

Empower your educators with the tools they need to transform your school's cultural curriculum. Contact the Montessori Teachers' Academy at the University of Delaware to learn more about our professional development opportunities and how we can customize a program to fit your school's needs. Together, we can foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for cultural studies in your students.

For more information, please visit [Montessori Teachers' Academy](#) or contact us at LZankow@udel.edu.