

Educational Program

Educational Institution

Ettevõtluskeskus OÜ

Title of the Study Program

En: Teaching Character and Creating Positive Classrooms

Et: Iseloomu õpetamine ja positiivsete klassi õhkkonna loomine

Language of Instruction

English (a Russian translation is attached)

Study Group

EN: Subject teacher training

ET: Aineõpetajate koolitus

Purpose and Learning Outcomes

To empower educators with the knowledge and tools necessary for fostering character development in students. Through evidence-based strategies and insights from renowned educator Dave Levin, participants will gain a deep understanding of the significance of character in education. The course aims to transform classrooms into positive and nurturing environments where character strengths are recognized, celebrated, and integrated into daily teaching practices.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize and Understand the Role of Character in Education: Grasp the significance of character education and its influence on students' holistic growth and development.
- Implement Effective Strategies for Character Development: Utilize evidence-based practices to instill virtues such as grit, optimism, and gratitude in students.
- Foster Positive Classroom Environments: Establish nurturing classroom settings that emphasize and celebrate the strengths of each student.

- Incorporate Interactive Learning Tools: Apply practical tools and methods, such as the Growth Card and Micro-Moment Triangle, to reinforce character development lessons.

Target Group and Enrollment Conditions

Target Groups:

- Current Educators: School teachers across all grade levels who want to incorporate character education into their curriculum.
- Aspiring Teachers: Students pursuing degrees in education or individuals considering a career in teaching.
- School Administrators: Principals, vice-principals, and other academic leaders aiming to integrate character development within their school culture.
- Education Policy Makers: Individuals involved in curriculum design and educational policy formulation at district, state, or national levels.
- School Counselors: Those looking to integrate character teaching strategies into their counseling methods.
- Parents: Proactive guardians interested in understanding the methodologies schools could or should be employing for character development.

Enrollment Conditions: To start the course, you will need a computer with internet access. Participants should ideally have a background in education, psychology, or a related field. However, passionate individuals without this background, but with a keen interest in character education, are also welcome.

Total Training Volume (expected training time), its structure, learning environment

Total training volume: 12 academic hours, which consists of 12 hours of independent work (including homework).

The training is designed for one week.

Teaching methods: The course consists of lectures, practical exercises, independent work, and self-analysis.

List of educational materials: Course materials, including video lectures, worksheets, practical work instructions, case studies, additional materials.

Learning environment: Training is conducted online on Coursera.
<https://www.coursera.org/learn/teaching-character>

Instructors

Dave Levin - Co-Founder of KIPP & Relay GSE (Relay Graduate School of Education).

After graduating from Yale University, Dave joined Teach For America where he taught fifth grade in Houston, Texas, for three years. In 1994, he co-founded the Knowledge is Power Program with Mike Feinberg, and the next year went on to found KIPP Academy in the South Bronx. Dave served as Superintendent of KIPP NYC until 2012. He now leads the KIPP Teaching and Learning Labs team at the KIPP Foundation along with continuing a board leadership role within KIPP NYC. Dave and Mike have been awarded the Thomas Fordham Foundation Prize for Valor; the National Jefferson Award for Distinguished Public Service by a Private Citizen; the Charles Bronfman Prize, an honorary degree from Yale University; and the Presidential Citizen's Medal, our nation's second highest presidential award for a private citizen. Dave and Mike's work is the subject of the best-selling book by Jay Matthews, *Work Hard, Be Nice: How Two Inspired Teachers Created America's Most Promising Schools*. Additionally, KIPP's ground-breaking work on character development is featured in Paul Tough's book *How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character*.

Diplomas, Certificates, Certifications

Upon successful completion of all assignments and passing the final test, learners will receive a certificate from Coursera.

Completing 70% of the course allows obtaining a diploma (tunnistus) from Ettevõtluskeskus OÜ. If less than 70% of the course is completed, a certificate (tõend) from Ettevõtluskeskus OÜ is issued for the completed course lessons.

Information about the Course Organizer

The course is organized by Ettevõtluskeskus OÜ, known for its high-quality training and highly rated trainers. All trainers are experts in their field and have deep knowledge and practical experience.

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