

CLLI, 2022

I attended the virtual 2022 Content Literacy Leadership Institute sponsored by the KU-CRL and led by Jocelyn Washburn, Darlene Fletcher, and Janice Creneti. Six Professional Developer Apprentices from Florida and Kentucky participated. Half of the apprentices were working on Content Enhancement and half were working on Learning Strategies; in this group, I think I may have had the most classroom experience/use of SIM CERs and PD experience with SIM CERs (and LSs) as a Certified SIM CER PDer. It was very interesting to hear the perspectives of the other apprentices as we worked through the CLLI because of our differences in jobs, locations, and experiences.

There were 5 live, three-hour sessions with Canvas assignments to complete in-between the sessions. Because I frequently look at the KU site and SIM research, have studied Partnership Principles and implemented Jim Knight's coaching model, and have provided SIM CER PD for several years, many of the group assignments provided me with a review of SIM and some added to my knowledge. I really gained a much clearer picture of Learning Strategies stages from the "Eight-Stage Instructional Process" article— it totally cleared up what had been a bit cloudy in my mind. The assignment that stretched me the most was the "Change Agent" planning and execution because I had to step outside of my usual (comfortable) zone and feel that I have grown as a SIM leader. I wish my Zoom had not dropped during the discussion of HLPs—I "preach " that we need to make our Tier 1 instruction more explicit by focusing on incorporating HLPs all day, every day, in every classroom! During the Zoom sessions, I enjoyed talking with and listening to the other apprentices during our work in small groups. (On a personal note, I did find the evening meetings a challenge after having worked all day. I don't know that there is a solution for this...just finding times most of us could meet was tough!)

I really appreciate all the support and feedback from all the Professional Development Leaders and the other apprentices. If I had "opted out" of any of the sessions, I would have missed this.