



THE PLI INQUIRER

A monthly newsletter from
Professional Learning International

If you're even *considering* applying to the Institute, the time is now! It could change the course of your career.

The 2025–2026 Erickson & Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification Institute is now in its final application phase, and there are only a few places left.

If you've been working with Concept-Based approaches and want to deepen your expertise, this year-long certification will give you the confidence, clarity, and tools to lead. Whether your next step is mentoring colleagues, redesigning curriculum, or presenting at a global level, this experience is designed to help you get there.

Even if you're unsure, applying is a step toward something bigger. Applications close on May 28 or as soon as we reach capacity. Head to page 3 to learn more, or [click here to start your application now](#).

Meanwhile, planning is well underway for the CBI Learning Labs Conference in Luxembourg this November! Make sure you pre-register your interest here: prolearnint.com/conference

Lastly, our lineup of Concept-Based Inquiry in Action workshops continues to grow! Along with Australia and New Zealand in 2025, we are thrilled to announce that Rachel will be in **South Korea** and on both coasts of the USA, in **Portland** and **New York**, in 2026.

As always, early-bird discounts apply, and we're happy to help if you need support with school registration.

We look forward to learning with you,
The PLI Team



**11 spaces left.
Is one of them yours?**

Joining the Erickson & Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification Institute was a turning point in my career.

Back in 2012, I'd just moved to Germany and was working part-time in Frankfurt. I wasn't sure what came next, but I was reading everything I could find by Dr. Lynn Erickson. On a whim, I googled her name, and there it was: an invitation to join the Institute. Within a week, I'd signed up and booked flights.

That decision changed everything. It led me into educational consulting, co-authoring books, and eventually co-directing the Institute itself.

I've never regretted taking that leap.

If you've ever had the feeling that you're ready for something more, I encourage you to apply before applications close (or we fill the spaces).

I hope I'll see your name on the list.

— Rachel





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Join the Erickson and Lanning CBCI Institute

**Some courses change your thinking.
What if one could also change your career?**

The Erickson & Lanning CBCI Trainer Certification Institute is a rigorous, year-long experience for educators who want to go beyond implementation and lead Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction with clarity, confidence, and purpose.

This isn't a course you complete and never think about again. It's a transformational learning journey that reshapes your professional identity. You'll deepen your understanding, sharpen your curriculum design skills, and gain the tools to coach and support others.

Graduates of the Institute have stepped into roles as curriculum leaders, instructional coaches, school consultants, and workshop facilitators. Others have used the certification to strengthen their leadership position within their schools by mentoring colleagues, redesigning programs, and shaping long-term strategic change.

It's a program that opens doors. But more importantly, it prepares you to walk through them.



Applications close May 28th or sooner if the final spaces are filled. Payment plans are available - apply today to secure your place!

Apply today





CBI LEARNING LABS CONFERENCE 2025

NOVEMBER 13-16

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LUXEMBOURG

PRE- REGISTER NOW

Professional Learning International is excited to bring the 2025 CBI Learning Labs Annual Conference to Luxembourg this November.

Want early access to tickets, speaker announcements, and program highlights?

Pre-register now and be the first to hear as details are released.

[Pre-register now](#)





Upcoming workshops



Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

Are you ready to transform your teaching?

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action is a hands-on, intensive experience designed for educators and school leaders who want to unlock the full potential of Concept-Based Inquiry.

AUSTRALIA: June 19-20, 2025



Cornish College, Bangholme, Melbourne



\$750 AUD

[Register now](#)

NEW ZEALAND: July 17-18, 2025



Hadlow Preparatory School, Masterton



\$500 NZD (early bird \$450 NZD until June 20)

[Register now](#)

KOREA: February 6-7, 2026



St. Johnsbury Academy Jeju



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)

USA: March 6-7, 2026



International School of Portland



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)

USA: March 13-14, 2026



Pine Street School, New York



\$750 USD (early bird \$700 USD until November 28)

[Register now](#)



Upcoming workshops



Concept-Based Inquiry in Science

Science educators, this one's for you!

Join Jessica Humble-Crofts and embark on a transformative journey to elevate your science classroom to new heights. You'll explore how scientific exploration through practical labs and hands-on learning plays a vital role in every Concept-Based Inquiry Science classroom.

ITALY: February 9-10, 2026



American Overseas School of Rome



€750 EUR (€700 EUR for groups of 5+)

[Register now](#)



Can't make it to the workshop? Check out our Online Courses section and register for [Building Scientific Understanding with a CBI Approach](#), which begins October 6, 2025.



Refer a friend

Are you thinking of a colleague who would love this workshop? Share this newsletter and encourage them to join our global community of forward-thinking educators. Transforming education starts with you.





Upcoming online courses

Whether it's the first step of your journey into Concept-Based Inquiry or you're looking for advanced frameworks, we've got a course for you.

Group pricing is available for five or more participants from the same school. Please contact admin@prolearnint.com to register your group.

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action [Korean]

Discover the power of a concept-based inquiry approach, **available in Korean!**

This introductory CBI course for K-12 educators is packed with practical strategies that will transform the way you think about unit design.

Facilitated by Grace Shin, this 8-week course **begins on June 19, 2025** (all sessions conducted in Korean).

Registrations close on **June 11**.

The cost for the course and 1-1 coaching is \$700 USD.

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June 19, 2025
8-week course

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action [Korean]

with Rachel French
& Grace Shin

[Register now](#)

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

Discover the power of a Concept-Based Inquiry approach! This introductory CBI course for K-12 educators is packed with practical strategies that will transform the way you think about unit design.

Facilitated by Rachel French and Carla Marschall, this 8-week course **begins on September 29, 2025**.

The cost of the course including 1-1 coaching is €850.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before August 29, 2025, to receive a €50 discount on your fee.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
- INTERNATIONAL -

September 29, 2025
8-week course

Concept-Based Inquiry in Action

with Rachel French
& Carla Marschall

[Register now](#)





Upcoming online courses, continued...

Building Scientific Understanding with a CBI Approach

Embark on a transformative journey to elevate your science classroom to new heights. You'll explore how scientific exploration through practical labs and hands-on learning plays a vital role in every Concept-Based Inquiry Science classroom.

Facilitated by Jessica Humble-Crofts and Andrea Uhl, this 6-week online course for K -12 Science Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on October 6th, 2025.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €650.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before September 5, 2025 to save €50 per participant.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INTERNATIONAL

Building Scientific Understanding: With a CBI Approach

with Jessica Humble-Crofts & Andrea Uhl

October 6, 2025
6-week course

REGISTER NOW!

[Register now](#)

Mastering the Art of Integrating Curriculum with a CBI Approach

Embark on a transformative journey to elevate your integrated units to new heights. You'll learn how to write interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary units that honor all integrated disciplines and build common understandings that help students transfer learning seamlessly between and within disciplines and subjects.

Facilitated by Rasha El-Haggan, this 4-week online course for K -12 Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on October 13, 2025.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €450.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before September 12, 2025 to save €50.

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Mastering the Art of Integrating Curriculum with a CBI Approach

with Rasha El-Haggan

October 13, 2025
4-week course

Register now

Grow our community

Know a colleague who's passionate about innovative teaching?
Share this link to our online courses with your network and invite them to join our global community of forward-thinking educators.





Upcoming online courses, continued...

Discovering Concept-Based Arts

This is an intensive 6-week online course for those looking to learn to create engaging units and lesson plans that feature active arts learning and use skills as the foundation for transferrable understandings - helping students take their arts learning into their lives and into the world.

Facilitated by Nyssa Brown and Lauren Zeigler, this 6-week online course for K-12 Arts Educators, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on January 26, 2026.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €650.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before November 28, 2025 to save €50 per participant.

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January 26, 2026

6-week course

Discovering Concept-Based Arts

with Nyssa Brown & Lauren Zeigler

[Register now](#)

Foundations of Concept-Based Literacy

Concept-Based Literacy is a literacy model that is inquiry-driven and idea-centered, focused on helping your students to develop a lifelong love of literacy. From this intensive professional development course, you'll come away prepared to immediately apply the Concept-Based Literacy approach in your classroom.

Facilitated by Tiffanee Brown, this 6-week online course for K-12 Literacy and World Language teachers, including Elementary Teachers & Curriculum Leaders, **begins on March 9, 2026.**

The cost of the course and 1-1 coaching is €650.

Early bird pricing is available! Register before November 28, 2025 to save €50.

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March 9, 2026

6-week course

Foundations of Concept-Based Literacy

with Tiffanee Brown

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May Masterclass

Have you joined a Masterclass yet? Each month, we offer a **free 60-minute session** with one of our expert facilitators, covering a unique or interesting aspect of Concept-Based inquiry. All you need to do is register on our website, and you'll be emailed a Zoom link and calendar invite.

We encourage you to invite your colleagues, too - learning is a journey best shared!

A Practical Application of Concept-Based Inquiry in Physical Education

with Dr. Meaghan Wilson & Saskia Koelewijn

May 21st, 2025, 07:30 UTC

Are you:

- Wanting to incorporate Concept-Based Inquiry into your PE lessons but aren't sure where to start?
- Eager to keep your students active while fostering meaningful inquiry?
- Struggling to balance movement time with guiding students toward powerful generalizations?

Join this interactive Masterclass with **Meaghan Wilson & Saskia Koelewijn** to discover how Concept-Based Inquiry can transform your Physical Education curriculum.

Discover practical strategies to seamlessly integrate concept- and inquiry-based learning into your PE lessons, enhancing student engagement and critical thinking.



[Register now](#)



Never miss a Masterclass

Did you know you can automatically register for all future Masterclasses?

Just fill out this form once, and we'll add you to the list for every Masterclass. If you can't make it to one, you can easily opt out—but this way, you'll never miss an opportunity to join.

[Sign me up](#)





The Learning Lounge

The Learning Lounge is our ongoing series of video discussions with some of the most innovative minds in education. Each month, we discuss new ideas, share best practices, and explore the latest thinking.

Spark your interest and challenge your thinking. A new episode is released every month.



Episode 18: Language Acquisition

In this episode, Rachel French is joined by Jane Simpson, Helen Safronova, and Yuanjia Fei to discuss how Concept-Based Inquiry transforms language acquisition and traditional language teaching.

Whether you're a classroom teacher or department leader, this video delivers concrete steps for designing inquiry-driven language programmes that build both content knowledge and transferable language skills.

[Watch it now](#)