



Virtual Community of Practice

What is a Community of Practice? It is well researched (Lave & Wenger, 1991; Wenger, 2014) that a Community of Practice (CoP) is a powerful tool for extending the coaching function that helps educators actually apply the skills learned through professional training opportunities in their classrooms. Furthermore, when a CoP is facilitated and designed well, it serves as an effective coaching tool by deepening evidence-based knowledge and practice through readings, real-time scenarios including case studies and discussions, problem solving, coaching, and sharing experiences across membership.

AIM Pathways Virtual Community of Practice

Eight 1-hour sessions using online resources and an online meeting platform

Aligned with the Pathways to Proficient Reading Course and facilitated by AIM Institute for Learning & Research staff, active participants in the Virtual Community of Practice (VCoP) will have the opportunity to:

- Deepen their knowledge related to the science of reading based on the 5 pillars of reading instruction outlined in the National Reading Panel Report (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension) as well as the RAND Report on Reading Comprehension and the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards
- Deepen their knowledge on how to translate the research into classroom practice with the support of the AIM Facilitator
- Develop relationships with members within their VCoP cohort
- Build a common language focused on the science of reading
- Increase preparedness for the Certification Examination for Effective Reading Instruction (KPEERI)
- Earn ACT 48 or Graduate Credits

