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# NIEA Online Professional Learning Series

Community-Based Education through a Native Lens

*Developed in partnership with the University of Phoenix*



The Montana Office of Indian Education has partnered with the National Indian Education Association to provide **free access for 250 individuals\*** to NIEA's first virtual, self-paced professional learning series: **Community-based Education (CBE) through a Native Lens**.

This series, created in partnership with the University of Phoenix, allows learners to grow their understanding of the history of Native education and the impact of culturally-grounded instruction.

## Intended Audiences

This series of online courses is ideal for teachers, administrators, or other educational staff that work with Native students and communities or teach Native curriculum and content.

## The series includes the following courses:

- » **Foundations of Native Education** provides an overview of the political and social history of Native Education leading to the reclamation of education sovereignty today.
- » **Community-Based Education** engages participants in a deeper understanding of community-based learning as a best practice including CBE as sovereignty, defining community in CBE, and culturally inclusive learning environments.
- » **CBE Instructional Approaches** builds upon the definition of Community-Based Education by sharing three effective approaches to teaching through a Native CBE lens: place-based learning, project-based learning, and cultural storytelling as instructional methodology.
- » **Foundations in Virtual Teaching** provides educators teaching online with the knowledge and skills related to foundations of building an online community, evaluation of technology-mediated assessment, virtual facilitation strategies, and strategies for transitioning to online modalities.

**Upon completion, learners will receive professional development certificates of completion as well as digital badges. Earn up to 17 professional development hours by completing all four courses.**

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