



Continuing Professional Studies

Continuing Professional Studies (CPS) is the continuing education program at Bank Street Graduate School of Education. Supporting lifelong learning, CPS offers professional development services, short-format courses, and travel programs for working educators interested in broadening their knowledge through experiences in other cultures.

School-Based Professional Development

CPS creates tailored programs for educators and schools to help improve teaching and learning across a variety of areas and contexts. We offer professional development opportunities to educators in public, charter, and independent schools and community-based organizations. Subject matter experts are available to work with teams to strengthen practice on-site in the United States, abroad, or online.

Our approach is grounded in Bank Street's belief that, like children, adults learn best when they are actively engaged with materials, ideas, and the world around them. We begin our collaborative, customized programs by identifying the strengths of program partners and creating learning opportunities that meet educators where they are in their learning to improve knowledge and practice. Examples of recent professional development programs include:

- Supporting Mono and Dual Language Literacy (Sunset Park Learning Network; International Rescue Committee)
- Supporting Classroom Teachers Working with English Language Learners (PS 205, Brooklyn, NY)
- Developing a Social Studies Curriculum Across Grade Levels (Philip's Academy Charter School, Paterson, NJ)
- Developing one- to five-day conferences on a variety of topics (NTUC First Campus-Singapore; Coastal Carolina University, Teaching Fellows Program; and Chabad Early Childhood Education Network)
- Professional Development on a variety of topics through staff development days and in-class coaching (Bedford Stuyvesant Charter School, PS 205, PS 50, and WATCH High School)

Short-Format Continuing Education Courses



Our short-format continuing education courses are offered during the school year and summer to extend practitioner learning and deepen the impact of educators. Our programs are strongly grounded in theory and the understanding of human development and are led by experts in the field. Courses are offered for New York State Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) hours, Continuing Education Units, or graduate-level credit.

Travel Programs

CPS Travel Programs are geared toward working educators with an interest in engaging with the world more deeply to understand how culture, practice, environment, and policy intersect to impact educational settings and student learning beyond the United States.

Through a robust and immersive itinerary of activities, participants spend time meeting with formal and informal representatives from a variety of educational, cultural, and service institutions and organizations. Through speaking opportunities with local experts, engaging in the culture, and observing educators and students, our programs explore strengths-based practices, issues of social justice, and the history and politics of the local land. Travel programs are conducted annually in Morocco, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Cuba and occur in June, July, and August.

In addition, the Long Trip provides an opportunity for educators to travel together, explore the complexity of a distant environment, and observe the way in which its social and political climates impact the region's children, their education, and their families. Past Long Trips have taken place in Detroit, Michigan; Copenhagen, Denmark; Panama City, Panama; Havana, Cuba; and more.