



**BC Council for Exceptional Children | Winter Workshop**

# Teaching to Diversity: UDL & The New BC Curriculum

Presented by: **Dr. Jennifer Katz**

Date: Monday, January 29, 2018

Location: Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre  
711 W. Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 3Y2


Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Doors Open / Coffee: 8:30am

Today's classrooms reflect the diversity of a global world. This diversity means that students vary in what they already know, what they are ready to learn, the pace at which they are able to proceed through the curriculum, and the level of adult support they require for success. Building inclusive learning communities requires that students see school as a place where they belong, are valued, and have something to contribute. The Three Block Model of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is an effective approach to classroom management planning, instruction, and assessment that creates a compassionate learning community from K-12. It has been implemented in elementary, middle, and high schools across three provinces, and has been shown to increase student engagement, academic achievement, self-concept, respect for diverse learners, prosocial behaviour, and teacher satisfaction and self-efficacy.

This workshop will focus on the practical "how to" of building climate and planning units in a way that facilitates differentiated instruction, inquiry, and multi-modal/outcomes based assessment. The new BC curriculum will be modeled through a UDL lens – that is, we will explore how UDL can be used as a vehicle for implementing the new curriculum in ways that support diverse learners, reduce teacher stress and workload, and still meet assessment and evaluation requirements. Sample units, lessons, video, and student work K-12 will be shared!

**Check out resources from  
Odin Books while you are at the  
workshop!**



*Stay for the social after the  
workshop to meet and  
mingle with your colleagues!*

**Who Should Attend:**

- K-12 Classroom Teachers
- Learning Assistance/Resource Teachers
- Other professionals who support students with complex learning needs

## About Our Presenter:



**Dr. Jennifer Katz** received her PhD in 2008 from the University of British Columbia and is the author of two books on inclusive education and UDL: “Teaching to Diversity: The Three Block Model of Universal Design for Learning” and “Resource Teacher: A Changing Role in the Three-Block Model of UDL”. She has been a successful sessional lecturer, educational consultant, classroom teacher, editor, and guidance counselor. She taught in diverse classrooms from K-12 in Winnipeg and Vancouver for 16 years, including special education classrooms, inclusive classrooms, youth centres, and alternative high school programs. She works internationally as an advocate of inclusive education with multiple audiences, including university courses, academic conferences, parent advocacy groups, educational conferences, school and division based professional development workshops, and most importantly, direct work with children and youth in schools and alternative settings. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at UBC.

## Registration Information:

Please register and pay online at [www.bccec.org](http://www.bccec.org)

## Registration Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2018

Register early, enrollment is limited.

## Registration Fee: CEC members \$70.00 | Non CEC members \$140.00

Non-member registration includes a one-year trial membership to CEC.

- TEACHING Exceptional Children (TEC) online 6 times/year
- Discounts on CEC books and resources
- Significant discounts on BC CEC workshops in the lower mainland
- Opportunities to meet and network with colleagues

## About the BC Council for Exceptional Children

Since its inception, BC CEC has advocated for students with exceptionalities—those with disabilities and special challenges as well as those with gifts and talents. BC CEC is committed to individuals who work with students with exceptionalities—educators, support personnel and parents—recognizing that these dedicated people require tools, resources and professional opportunities to perform their jobs well. BC CEC supports these individuals by providing educational workshops and conferences on leading best practices throughout the year. BC CEC’s highlight each year is the YES I CAN! Awards celebration to recognize the outstanding achievements of students with exceptionalities in British Columbia. Students from around the province are recognized in one of seven different categories: academics, arts, athletics, school and community activities, technology, self-advocacy, and transition. Consider nominating a student you know. For more information about the BC Council of Exceptional Children, check out our website – [www.bccec.org](http://www.bccec.org). Like us on Facebook!