



Peer consultation

“Teaching is a lifelong art.... That involves continuous learning for the student as well as the teacher. It is an art that can develop through inquiry into one’s own teaching” (Heppner, 1994)

In this course we will find out how peer consultation can help both our students but also us teachers to learn of each other’s experiences. Peer consultation values the accumulated expertise of our teachers. The course consists of 2 sessions of 4 hours each. On top of these sessions participants are required to do a homework assignment, which will take them approximately 2 hours. The Guiding Question for this Course is: How can we use the experience and expertise of our peers to learn and grow as teachers?

Learning goals per session

Session 1

After this session you:

- Will have knowledge and experience with several peer-consultation methods;
- will understand the value of contributions of the common elements in these models.

Session 2

After this session you:

- Will understand how to best guide others through the consultation process;
- will be a skilled facilitator that can introduce the models to others

Content per session

Session 1

- Introduction of peer consultation methods;
- value of peer consultation (theory);
- practice;
- assignment.

Session 2

- Refining your facilitation skills
- Discussing assignment
- Focal points for facilitators
- Practice your facilitation s skills

Participants

Teachers who want to use peer consultation in class.

Didactic approaches used in the course

The sessions are highly practical, with some theory in between. Keywords of the course are *informative, interactive, reflection*.

Literature

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