

Feedback Letter on UVU Professional Development Program

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the American English Academy school community, we would like to thank the Utah Valley University for conducting a training for 13 of our teachers. The training has started in 2018 and is about to end in May 2020. The training was delivered in several stages that were all beneficial for our teachers and respectfully their students.

The first part of the training gave AEA teachers a broader perspective on the elements of human development, and how identity, language, culture, family life, and community help shape students' lives and play a role in their motivation and engagement in learning. Moreover, the course showed our teachers how to build on students' unique strengths, and as a result, create a community of learners.

Furthermore, the UVU training helped our teachers in lesson planning but taking into account the needs of each student. The student body of the American English Academy is quite diverse. Through that course, our teachers got inspired on how to support students by differentiating the way of giving them instructions or by collaborative learning methods.

At its last stage, the training focused on teaching practical ways to evaluate students and provide them with feedback so that they can have more control over their learning. Our teachers are now able also to add success criteria to their daily goals.

Finally, as another benefit of the UVU training for our students, I would point out that they are now more skillful in doing research by using questioning strategies.

I would like to again express my gratitude to the Utah Valley University and International School Services for the unique opportunity our teaches had. It was a pleasure to see them grow professionally through the training. I believe our current and prospective students will all benefit a lot from the training.

Sincerely,



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