



Technology Integration: Learner

Competency

Educator improves their practice by learning from and with others through the exploration of best practices that leverage technology to improve student learning.

Key Method

The educators demonstrate professional growth through goal setting, applying research-based pedagogical approaches into lessons, and participating in learning networks. They reflect on the effectiveness of technology use and continually adjust their learning to meet the needs of their students.

Method Components

Setting Professional Goals

Educators reflect on their current use of technology in the classroom and set related professional goals. They may consider the SAMR model (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition) as they reflect on technology integration in their classroom. You may use the following process to guide you in setting professional goals:

- Understand what various levels of technology integration look like
- Using the SAMR framework, assess your current level of technology integration
- Set a SMART goal for technology integration in your practice
- Monitor the effectiveness and the progress toward meeting your goal
- Reflect on student use and the effectiveness of technology in your classroom
- Adjust or create new goals

Developing Pedagogical Understanding

Educators develop and improve their practice through pedagogical understandings. Some of the things you can do to gain deeper understanding of technology integration are:



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- Research a variety of tools, approaches, and methods of technology integration
- Select tools or approaches to try out in your classroom
- Plan for use and monitoring effectiveness
- Consider and reflect on the following big ideas:
 - What is the difference between integration and use?
 - How can you manage and organize your learning environment to make technology integration ubiquitous?
 - How are students using technology to support learning?

Expanding your Professional Network

To improve practice, educators seek out local and global networks that are relevant to their interests, needs, and/or content area. The following strategies will help you expand your professional learning networks beyond the walls of your school/district.

- Seek out and actively participate in online professional groups (NEA edCommunities has many professional groups)
- Read blogs and explore the resources that are discussed
- Explore websites that collect and share resources
- Critically evaluate online professional resources and consider how the ideas may enhance your classroom
- Use forums to ask other teachers how they are using technology

Tools for Integration

To develop and hone skills, educators explore and practice using a variety of digital tools. Below are some tips for guiding your exploration and practice:

- Choose tools that support your professional goals
- Consider your grade level, content, district requirements and availability/accessibility of devices and digital tools
- Select 3–5 tools from the resources section, below, or from other sources
- Create opportunities within the constructs of your teaching to practice using the tools
- Use these tools with your students and ask them for feedback
- Don't be afraid to try new tools and get out of your comfort zone

Supporting Rationale and Research

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Resources

Standards

[ISTE Standards: Educators](#)

[ISTE Standards: Students](#)

Articles

[8 Examples of Transforming Lessons Through the SAMR Cycle | Emerging Education Technologies](#)

[Assessing Classroom Technology Integration | Education World](#)

[Framework: ISTE Standards, a Roadmap | EdSurge News](#)

[Goal Setting as Teacher Development Practice](#)



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[Goal-Setting for Teachers: 8 Paths for Self-Improvement | Cult of Pedagogy](#)

[How SAMR and Tech Can Help Teachers Truly Transform Assessment | EdSurge News](#)

[Resources for Technology Integration | Edutopia](#)

[The Difference Between Technology Use And Technology Integration](#)

[The Essential Guide to Writing SMART Goals](#)

[What Is Successful Technology Integration? | Edutopia](#)

Video

- ▶ Practical Ways to Integrate Technology in the Classroom (Without Being An Expert)
- ▶ Reimagining Classrooms: Teachers as Learners and Students as Leaders | Kayla Delzer ...

Teaching Resources

[Digital Citizenship | Common Sense Education](#)

[Free Technology for Teachers](#)

[Google Teacher Center](#)

[Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything](#)

[Tool Comparison Matrix](#)

Tools to Try

This is a partial list to get you thinking about your professional growth. You do not need to explore all of these, but they may serve as a starting point.

Adobe Spark

www.spark.adobe.com

Apple Classroom

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT206151>

Best Educational Apps for iPad

<https://www.teachthought.com/technology/the-55-best-best-free-education-apps-for-ipad/>



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Blogger
www.blogger.google.com

Brainpop
www.brainpop.com

Buncee
<https://app.edu.buncee.com/>

Classflow
www.classflow.com

Discovery Education
www.discoveryeducation.com

Edmodo
www.edmodo.com

Flipgrid
<https://info.flipgrid.com/>

Freckle Education
www.freckle.com

GSuite Learning Center (Docs, Classroom, Sites, Sheets, Earth...)
<https://gsuite.google.com/learning-center/products/docs/get-started/#!/>

Kahoot
www.kahoot.it

Nearpod
www.nearpod.com

Padlet
<https://padlet.com/>

Peardeck
www.peardeck.com

YouTube for Educators
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt84aUC9OG6di8kSdKzEHTQ>

Submission Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria

To earn the micro-credential, you must receive a passing score in Parts 1 and 3 and receive a proficient for all components in Part 2.



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Part 1. Overview Questions (Provides Context)

(400-500 words)

Please answer the following contextual questions to help our assessor understand your current situation. Please do not include any information that will make you identifiable to your reviewers.

- What is your reason for selecting this micro-credential, and what do you think will be the benefit of earning it?
- Describe the community in which you teach. Share important information such as population, demographics, size of school district, and additional information that may help paint a clear picture of the community.
- Describe your school setting. What grade level and subjects do you currently work with? How many students do you see in a day? Add any other pertinent information necessary to understand your unique teaching situation.
- Describe the type and number of devices that you and your students have access to (Chromebooks, iPads, computer lab, 1:1, shared cart, etc.)
- Are there any restrictions at the district or building level that affect student access?

Passing: Response provides reasonable and accurate information that justifies choosing this micro-credential to address specific needs of both the teacher and the student. Educator includes a learning goal that describes what they hope to gain from earning this micro-credential.

Part 2. Work Examples/Artifacts/Evidence

To earn this micro-credential, please submit the following **three artifacts** as evidence of your learning. Please do not include any information that will make you or your students identifiable to your reviewers.

Artifact 1: SAMR Reflection and Goal

Reflect on your current use of technology. You may use the SAMR model as a guide. Set a goal that identifies your beginning level of technology use and how you created a professional goal that is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timebound (SMART)..

Artifact 2: Tools Comparison Matrix

Create a [Tool Comparison Matrix](#) for 3 tools that you have integrated into your instruction. If you do not use the matrix from the resources section ensure you include all requirements from the rubric.



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Artifact 3: Examples of Networking

Turn in two screenshots showing how you have collaborated with and/or learned from a discussion in an online learning group. (You may want to join the NEA EdCommunities groups for this artifact). **Combine these two screenshots and your explanation of learning in one document to submit.**

Include:

- The forum’s name
- Group topic
- Entire thread that you participated in
- An explanation of how participating in a learning network supported your professional growth. (150–200 words)
- Black out any names and/or use an anonymous screen name to participate

Part 2. Rubric

	Proficient	Basic	Developing
Artifact 1: SAMR Reflection and Goal	Educator identifies a professional goal that relates to technology integration SMART goal has all components included	Educator identifies a professional goal, but it may not relate to technology integration SMART goal is missing 1 component	Educator does not identify a professional goal Or SMART goal has 2 or more components missing
Artifact 2: Matrix for Tools Comparison	Matrix has either 3 different tools or the same tool used in 3 different SAMR levels All portions of the matrix are completed for 3 tools Name Purpose How used Results SAMR level	Matrix has fewer than 3 tools or levels represented There are 1–4 sections incomplete on the matrix for the 3 tools Name Purpose How used Results SAMR level Professional goal connection	Describe what elements are needed for a developing score More than 4 sections are incomplete on the matrix for the 3 tools Name Purpose How used Results SAMR level



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	Professional goal connection		Professional goal connection
Artifact 3: Examples of Networking	Educator has included 2 screenshots of their networking and includes annotation that clearly demonstrates how they have participated in a network for learning.	Educator has included 2 screenshots but has not included annotations that demonstrate how they have used their network to learn.	Educator does not include 2 screenshots or annotations are missing.

Part 3. Reflection

(400–500 words)

Use the word count as a guide to write a personal reflection about your work on this micro-credential. For tips on writing a good reflection review the following resource:

[How Do I Write a Good Personal Reflection?](#)

Please do not include any information that will make you identifiable to your reviewers.

1. Describe how you decided on your initial SAMR level and how you used this information to set your professional goal.
2. Which tool or tools did you focus on for this micro-credential? Explain how you learned about using them and how you changed your lesson to utilize the technology. Be sure to explain what SAMR level you think the use was.
3. What was the overall impact on your students when you used one digital tool? Include information on what aspect of student learning you were focusing on as you integrated this tool into your lesson: engagement, checking for understanding, creativity, student choice, etc.

Passing: All questions are answered. Reflection provides evidence that this activity has had a positive impact on both educator practice and student success. Specific examples are cited directly from personal or work-related experiences to support claims.



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