

# CREATING

# ENGAGED CLASSROOMS

a practical approach to fostering connection, compassion, character, and academic excellence

## Based on the principles and practices in the 5 Dimensions of Engaged Teaching and The Soul of Education.

This highly experiential course for K-12 educators will offer core practices and principles that foster students' social, emotional, and academic development and support teachers to develop and sustain an intentional teaching practice. Educators will experience practical tools and strategies for creating rigorous, relationship-based learning communities. This approach supports students to excel academically, think creatively and critically, develop their leadership capacities, manage their emotions, work with others who are different from themselves, and communicate effectively.

## This course will explore ways educators can:

- Create a caring learning community where students increase focus and motivation, develop empathy and compassion, and experience a sense of meaning and purpose;
- Participate in creating a thriving culturally responsive school climate;
- Integrate social, emotional and academic learning in any content area;
- Utilize focusing activities, silence, mindfulness, play, symbolic and creative expression, and community building in any classroom;
- Support the inner lives\* of students in schools;
- Address stages of group development throughout the 'learning journey' of the school year;
- Support students to effectively navigate transitions;
- Develop and sustain an intentional teaching practice through the 'teaching presence' framework;
- Reconnect with their "spark" for teaching.

\*By "inner life" we refer to that essential aspect of human nature that yearns for deep connection, grapples with questions about meaning, and seeks a sense of purpose and genuine self-expression.



## Earn Graduate Credit

One (1) graduate credit through Colorado State University for an additional fee of \$61 payable to CSU.

For more information about engaged teaching and to register, please visit

[PassageWorks.org/Engaged-Teaching/](http://PassageWorks.org/Engaged-Teaching/)

## Facilitators

Course facilitated by **John McCluskey** and **Catherine Fink**. Assisted by **Terry Nickie**.



### John McCluskey

John is a leader in social and emotional learning initiatives both locally and nationally. John currently serves as the principal of Centennial Middle School in Boulder, Colorado.



### Catherine Fink

Cathy is a Colorado based educator who has taught English and Human Development at four independent middle and high schools as well as a community college.



### Terry Nickie

Terry has been teaching in Colorado for 21 years. For the last 11 years Terry has been a classroom teacher at BCSIS in Boulder. Here he has had the opportunity to fully explore the potential of social emotional teaching.



**Sept. 22-24, 2017**

Fri, 5:00pm-8:30pm  
Sat, 8:30am-5:00pm  
Sun, 8:30am-4:00pm

**\$550 Course Fee**

\$450 Earlybird by August 25  
**Special Scholarships Available.**  
Please see website for details.



**Location**

Friends School  
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