

K-12 Assessment Seminar: Systems and Frameworks for Collaboration

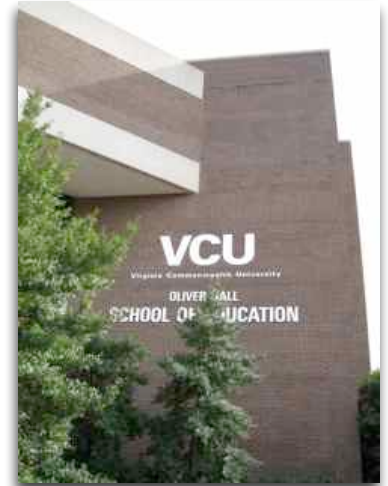
June 25, 2009 • 11 AM to 4 PM • VCU School of Education

An invitation: Educational Informatics (EI), in partnership with the VCU School of Education, invite you to attend this free seminar to ignite a conversation on assessment and to explore rGrade, an assessment platform used by the VCU School of Education and K-12 schools. The seminar will mix open discussions and hand-on experiences with the following goals:

1. Learn how performance assessment can be facilitated in everyday practice.
2. Learn about rGrade, a rubric-based assessment platform.
3. Learn how the VCU School of Education and K-12 schools are using rGrade to improve student learning.
4. Discuss a framework that might sustain a shared exploration of rGrade in Richmond-area schools supported by EI and VCU School of Education.

Who should attend? This seminar is open to anyone interested in assessment, rubrics, curriculum, teacher practice, and school improvement. We suggest each school district bring at least two people representing one or more of the following roles:

- School and district administrators
- School information technology personnel
- Directors of curriculum and/or assessment
- K-12 teachers



Agenda (Tentative---watch for updates. Attend all or part):

- 11 AM to Noon: **Introductions and overview** from EI and VCU School of Education
- Learn about the rGrade assessment system.
 - Learn about the role of EI consultants and rGrade in the VCU School of Education, including school-based practica and student teaching.
- Noon to 1:15 PM: Working lunch: **Success stories with rGrade in K-12**
- Box lunches will be provided.
 - Learn about an rGrade-based model that ties **Understanding by Design** to **Assessment for Learning** into a solution to support school improvement.
- 1:30 to 2:15 PM: **Mini-Workshop:** Building and using standards-based rubrics in classrooms
- In 45 minutes, you will build a standards-based rubric in rGrade and conduct formative assessment of students in a class.
 - This workshop will be taught by a classroom teacher and is designed to showcase how easily rGrade can support performance assessment in everyday practice.
- 2:30 to 4:00 PM: **Discussion and Visioning**
- EI's consultants and VCU personnel will facilitate a discussion on the critical needs for assessment systems and related professional development in area schools.
- 4:00 PM and beyond: **Next Steps:** EI representatives will be available in Richmond through June 26 for additional, follow-up discussions and site-visits to area schools.

For more information and to RSVP online visit
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