

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING FOR BLENDED AND ONLINE LEARNING

Culturally Responsive Teaching

WHAT IS CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING?

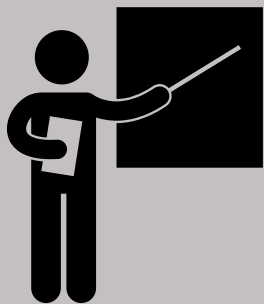
Culturally responsive teaching is a pedagogy that values students' cultural backgrounds, experiences, and learning preferences. It focuses on making the content relevant to students and connecting it to prior knowledge.



Traditional Teaching VS. Culturally Responsive Teaching

TRADITIONAL TEACHING METHODS

- Teacher-centered lectures where the student is a receiver of knowledge
- Learning content is less flexible and does not readily include student participation and input

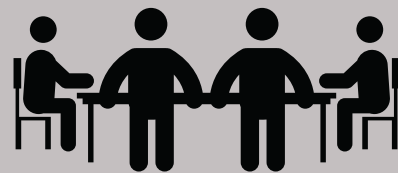


Examples:

- Teaching literature by widely accepted classic authors, such as William Shakespeare
- Using lectures and written assessments to disseminate information and assess students' mastery of concepts

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING

- Student-centered where students' prior knowledge, cultural backgrounds, and experiences are recognized
- Learning content is flexible and includes topics that are culturally and socially connected to students



Examples:

- Striving to include literature from diverse cultures and authors
- Using multiple measures to assess student learning, such as personal stories, autobiographical journaling, and portfolios

Effects of Culturally Responsive Teaching

- Acknowledgement and appreciation of cultural diversity
- Support of students' social and emotional needs
- Elevated student engagement
- Increased critical thinking
- Positive student outcomes
- Strengthened individual identity
- Intentional equity and inclusivity



Resources

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