

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING FOR BLENDED AND ONLINE LEARNING

Strategies for Implementing Culturally Responsive Teaching



1 Get to Know Each Student

Knowing students is critical to making the content **relevant** to them. Consider:

- surveying student interests, dislikes, and opinions
- asking students about racial or cultural experiences that have deeply affected them
- talking with parents and families to know more about their culture

2 Activate Prior Knowledge

Incorporating prior knowledge is a way of making learning content more **relatable**. Consider:

- including stories and real-life examples in learning activities
- asking students to reflect on what they have learned
- building the instructional activities based on students' previous skills

3 Value Cultural Capital

Valuing diverse cultures can help students cultivate their **self-identity**. Consider:

- connecting instructional content to students' lived experiences, daily life, and background knowledge
- providing opportunities for students to share their feelings, beliefs, and perspectives
- incorporating activities to celebrate different cultures

4 Check Biases

People have inherent biases that lead to **unfair treatment** of others. Consider:

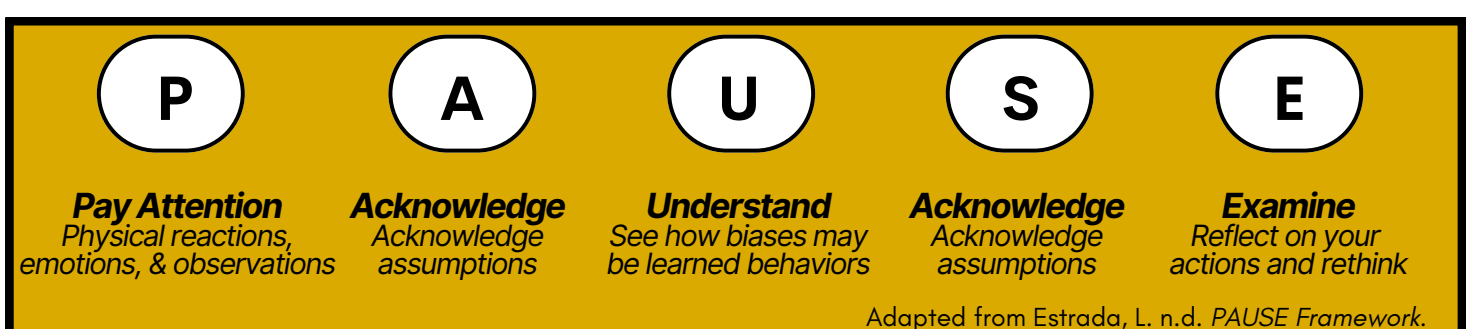
- maintaining the same expectations towards students regardless of their socio-cultural identity (ex. race, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation)
- including students' different backgrounds, opinions, and perspectives

5 Consider the Curriculum

Check the instructional content, methodology, and assessments to see if they **reflect diverse cultures**. Consider:

- using instructional materials that reflect the diverse cultures of students
- reviewing the curriculum to remove materials and activities with potential biases
- conducting activities that address the varied learning styles of students

Begin Disrupting Biases with the PAUSE Framework



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