

The Multilingual Learners Hub: Your Free Resource for ML Success!

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Are you looking for good ideas to add to your toolbox of strategies to support your multilingual learners in your classroom? Would it help if they were free and all stored together for access in one place? Look no further.

Explore and share with your colleagues the [Multilingual Learners Hub \(ML Hub\)](#) through the College of Education at Towson University in Maryland. The ML Hub is a free, open-access repository of excellent sites and learning opportunities for teachers to support multilingual students and families (Kruft, 2024). Focusing on the active learning area for teachers, there are six areas to explore:

All Educators
▶ Learning Modules
▶ Classroom Videos
▶ Links to Resources
▶ Ready-Made Resources
▶ School and Community Success Stories
▶ Webinars

We will take a closer look at two of those areas, which offer continual, on-demand learning for educators. The first is the [Learning Modules](#) section, which houses about 15 different free, virtual mini courses, each two hours long. These asynchronous sessions each contain 10 short, practical resources centering on an aspect of multilingual learner success. Topics include content-area ML applications, early-childhood learning for MLs, literacy and vocabulary building, social-emotional and trauma-informed practices with MLs, newcomer strategies, and more. Simply click into a Learning Module to begin responding with ideas you find valuable for your classroom from the short video clips, articles, websites, and other practical learning opportunities on the module topic. You will receive a Certificate of Completion worth two professional learning hours at the end. You can download your certificate to insert your own name and submit it to your supervisors as part of your professional learning portfolio. In Maryland, these hours are eligible for approval for teacher re-licensure requirements.

The second area to highlight in the Educator Resources is the [Webinars](#). This section is full of on-demand links to recordings of workshops provided during Multilingual Learner Conferences held at Towson University over the last few years. In addition, other recorded webinars from various national sources of educational support for teachers of MLs are also linked.

Would you like to watch a session full of ideas for teaching MLs writing skills, math, or science applications to help them achieve? Do you need ways to help your ML students who have experienced trauma? Do you want to approach your early childhood ML students with engaging strategies? Are you looking for tips on working with ML families, co-teaching to support your ML students, or how to get your students more verbal within your content classrooms? For these and many other webinars, just click on

[Webinars](#). We are adding more webinars all the time, so periodically check back for new offerings.

Feel free to bookmark our website for the ML Hub at Towson University:

towson.edu/MLHub

If you'd like a flyer with a QR code to share with your colleagues or ML families at your school, please access it here: [ML Hub Flyer](#)

Enjoy exploring all facets of the ML Hub for your professional learning needs and to enhance your instruction with your ML students!

Reference

Kruft, C. (2024). *TAPESTRY: A Multimedia Journal for Teachers and English Learners* 1, 3-4.