

What is the CLASS?

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS):

- Is an observational instrument developed at the University of Virginia to assess classroom quality
- Describes multiple dimensions of teaching that are linked to student achievement and development
- Has been validated in over 2,000 classrooms
- Can be used to reliably assess classroom quality for research and program evaluation
- Provides a tool to help new and experienced teachers become more effective; and
- Is being used as part of the innovative professional development tool, MyTeachingPartner, focusing on improving the dimensions of Quality Teaching.

What does training involve?

The CLASS is a multifaceted observation system that requires training for appropriate use. Training includes a set of pre-training exercises you complete on your own and two full days of training in which we cover background information on the CLASS and provide opportunities to practice scoring on videotaped segments. At the end of the training, we will give a reliability test. Those who pass the test will be certified as CLASS coders. Additional training materials will be made available to people who do not meet the reliability criteria. The training will run from about 9:00 to 5:00 each day. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

What is the cost of training?

The charge for the 2-day training is \$670 per person. Included in this fee are all training materials, as well as breakfast and lunch on the two training days. Trainees are responsible for their own travel, accommodations, and dinner. Group rates are available for groups of five or more people.

How can I get more information?

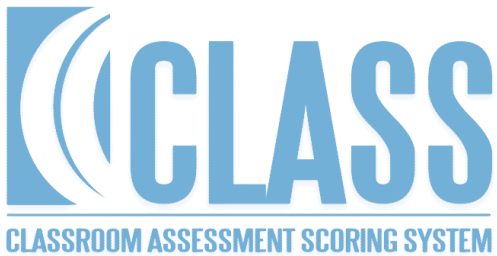
If you are interested in coming to this training, would like more information about the CLASS, or would like to discuss other training options, please visit classobservation.com or contact us at contact@classobservation.com

Can I train others to use the CLASS once I am trained?

If you are interested in training others to use the CLASS, you will need to attend a Train the Trainers session. We will be holding a Trainers session in the 2 days immediately following this CLASS training, August 20th and 21st. The cost of the full 4-days is \$1,085. If you are interested in this training, let us know and we will send you more information.

How do I register for the training?

Please complete the following steps by July 1, 2008: (1) fill out the attached registration form and fax (434-243-5480) or e-mail (contact@classobservation.com) a copy to CASTL; (2) mail in a check or purchase order with a copy of the registration form. **If you do not get confirmation that we received your faxed or e-mailed registration form, please call (434) 924-7204. You are not officially registered until you get confirmation that your registration form was received. In the event of the training session filling up early, we will give priority to registrants whose registration forms are received first.**



Elementary CLASS Training Registration Form

When: 18-19 August 2008

Where: Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning
(CASTL), Charlottesville, Virginia

Cost: \$670 per person* (includes 2-day training, materials, reliability testing, breakfast and lunch)

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| <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Affiliation: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____ _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Lunch Preference: ___ vegetarian</p> | <p>I am primarily interested in the CLASS as:</p> <p>An assessment tool for research: _____</p> <p>A professional development tool: _____</p> <p>Please briefly describe your interest in the CLASS— how you are thinking you will use it and with what population:</p> |
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Please fax (434-243-5480) or e-mail (contact@classobservation.com) this form to reserve your spot, and then mail it along with a check made out to *University of Virginia* for \$670. Please mail to:

Attn: Naomi Sloan
University of Virginia
350 Old Ivy Way, Suite 100
Charlottesville, VA 22903

We will send a confirmation e-mail when we receive your faxed or e-mailed form. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, or if you have any other questions, please contact us at contact@classobservation.com or 434-924-7204.

*Discounted rates available for groups of 5 or more.