

Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitator Training Program

To keep costs down for schools and districts that will be implementing the Mi-STAR curriculum, Mi-STAR offers a training program that will prepare school or district staff members to support teachers who are interested in implementing the curriculum. This training will take place at least once a year at sites and dates to be determined based on interest. These facilitators will also provide ongoing support to teachers as they implement the curriculum in their classrooms.

The first Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitator Training will be held August 21-23, 2017 in the Lansing area.

Training for Professional Learning Facilitators consists of the following elements:

- **Mi-STAR Academy Curriculum Primer**
- **Mi-STAR Academy Unit-Specific Course(s).**
- **Professional Learning Facilitator Preparation Face-to-Face Training Session.**
- In order to continue serving as a Professional Learning Facilitator, each Facilitator will be required to participate in an **annual one-day face-to-face refresher course.**

For more information on each component of the training for Professional Learning Facilitators and for pricing information, contact Marianne Semones, msemones@mtu.edu.

Certified Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitators will be qualified to coordinate and conduct a Professional Learning program for classroom teachers.

About Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitators:

Mi-STAR's professional learning program is conducted by **Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitators**. Typical **Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitators have the following characteristics:** Good understanding of pedagogy required to successfully implement the new Michigan Science Standards.

- Teaching certification in a STEM discipline or STEM bachelor's degree.
- Experience conducting professional learning for teachers or extensive STEM teaching experience.
- Good communication and people skills.
- Willingness and ability to work with new and veteran science teachers.
- Experience with at least one of the following professional learning experiences (offered through the Michigan Math and Science Center Network; comparable opportunities may be available in other states):
 - NGSx
 - Modeling in Michigan
 - MISCIPL@N Workshops (Tier I, II, and III)
- Satisfactory completion of the Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitator training program.
- Ongoing collaboration with other Mi-STAR Professional Learning Facilitators and completion of required refresher training courses.