



## TIM COATES

LEARNING FACILITATOR

*"There is a need to ensure that we provide students with high-quality assessments, so we can affirm the success of our high-quality instruction."*

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### BIO:

Tim began his career as a high school social studies teacher, receiving an Excellence in Teaching Award in 1993. In 1994 he was seconded to Alberta Education, serving first as a Diploma Examination Manager, and later as the Director of the Diploma Examination Programs Branch.

Tim has also worked in the ministry as the Curriculum Developer for high school social studies. Tim has offered professional development presentations throughout Alberta, the United States, and most recently in Hong Kong and Macau. Currently, Tim is a Sessional Instructor at the University of Alberta, and since 2009 has taught a course in classroom assessment to students preparing for their first round of student teaching. In his spare time, Tim is completing the construction and landscaping of a home he and his spouse have built on an acreage south of Edmonton.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Enhancing classroom assessments and assessment practices
- Preparing for and understanding the results of provincial assessments
- Aligning assessments with programs of study expectations
- Putting into practice the principles for fair classroom assessment

### SESSION OFFERINGS:

- Understanding and Applying the Principles for Fair Assessment
- Building Better Assessments: A Hands-On Workshop
- Creating High-Quality Multiple Choice Questions
- De-stress rather than Distress: Preparing for PAT's and Diplomas
- Interpreting Diploma Examination Results as a Formative Tool for Teachers
- *I am open to the possibility of customizing a session related to assessment, based on the needs of a school authority*