

## Two-Day ELL Leadership Institute

# Help English Learners Exit Your ELL Program: Powerful Strategies to Increase Student Success (Grades K-8)



A Unique Two-Day Live Online Institute Presented by

## Mary Peterson

Outstanding ELL Leader, Teacher and National Presenter

Specifically Designed for K-8 District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Curriculum Coordinators, ELL Directors, Principals, Literacy Coaches, ELL Specialists and Classroom Teachers

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### LIVE ONLINE INSTITUTE

July 29-30

9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,  
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
See page 6 for details

### CAN'T ATTEND?

Order the recorded version and take the institute online at your convenience (see page 6)

*“Mary is a fantastic instructor. I learned so much and received so many great ideas from her. She is great at what she does!”*

– KIMBERLY MOXLEY, TITLE I TEACHER

# Two-Day Intensive ELL Leadership Institute

*"This institute was fantastic! I loved all of the engaging strategies and activities that were shared and can't wait to use them in my classroom and with the classroom teachers!"*

— ERIN FOLLWEILER,  
K-5 ESL TEACHER

## A Practical, Two-Day Institute Focused on Increasing Achievement of ELL Students and Helping Them Exit Your ELL Program



Plan to attend as a school or district team, a representative team member or district leader to increase the effectiveness of your ELL program. You will learn how to build on the success of your current program, identify the key components that have the greatest impact on the achievement of ELL students and find the specific areas you need to target for implementation and improvement. Leave equipped with a wealth of

the most effective ELL instructional strategies that will help increase the achievement and progress of your ELL students in grades K-8.

## Develop a Plan to Structure Your ELL Program for Greater Results and to Boost Teacher Expertise

Discover the attributes of highly successful ELL programs and how you can use these in your own program, including building teacher instructional expertise in working with ELL students. Gain dozens of practical, instructional strategies you can use immediately with your students. During the two days, you will learn how to better serve ELL students in the general education classroom as well as in a pull-out model. You will learn key strategies to lead and teach other educators to implement effective instructional practices that work with your ELL population. Don't miss this unique two-day opportunity to strengthen the achievement of your ELL students and exit them from your ELL program.



### Who Should Attend

K-8 District and School Leaders and Leadership Teams: District Curriculum Coordinators, ELL Directors, Principals, Literacy Coaches, ELL Specialists and Classroom Teachers



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## Specific Topics ... Here's What You Will Learn ...

- ▶ **Key components of exemplary EL programs** that increase your ELL students' learning ... Implications for your own school or district program
- ▶ Highly effective strategies and routines to **decrease the amount of time** students are in your ELL program
- ▶ Highly effective **guided reading techniques and comprehension strategies** to increase reading levels of ELL students
- ▶ Planning and teaching **just-right small group language, reading and writing lessons** based on the needs and strengths of EL students
- ▶ **Instructional strategies** proven to help ELL students achieve greater success in the general education classroom
- ▶ **Tried and tested strategies** to help ELL students better grasp vocabulary understanding and grammar skills
- ▶ How to create a more **positive, safe and welcoming classroom environment** for all your ELL students
- ▶ A wealth of small group lessons designed to **maximize achievement** of each level of English language learner
- ▶ Tools to perform **ongoing and informal assessments** of ELL students so you can match instruction to their needs
- ▶ Motivating ideas to **make learning English natural and enjoyable** for all students
- ▶ **Techniques to integrate reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities** into the current curriculum
- ▶ Cooperative learning activities to **strengthen language skills** of all students
- ▶ **Engaging, high-impact strategies** to increase motivation and time on-task for ELs
- ▶ Numerous **fun and exciting language-building games** and activities
- ▶ **What highly effective teachers know and do** when working with ELL students



*"This institute was the best I've attended! So many useful ideas that I can bring back with me! I can't wait to go back and teach the other teachers these strategies we've learned. Great discussion with other teachers!"*

— JAMIE MARTINEZ, ESL TEACHER



# A Message From Institute Leader, Mary Peterson



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**MARY PETERSON** is a highly experienced and enthusiastic ELL leader, teacher and outstanding national presenter who is known for her motivating and practical strategies and ideas. She has firsthand experience teaching English language learners and implementing positive changes to school-wide ELL programs. She is the author of *Help English Learners Exit Your ELL Program: Powerful Strategies to Increase Student Success (Grades K-8)*, the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at her two-day institute. Mary's presentations are fast-paced, inspiring, and above all, practical and research based. **You will gain a wealth of ideas, strategies and activities you can implement immediately to increase the success of your ELL program.**



Dear Colleague:

As an experienced teacher of ELL students, I know firsthand the challenges we face to help our students achieve at the high standards expected of them. In this highly practical institute, you will receive research-based strategies that have been proven to strengthen language skills of ELL students. I have seen so many students get stuck at the intermediate English levels and stay there for years. I will share with you highly effective and motivating strategies to help our students more rapidly "exit" the ELL program. I will provide dozens of cooperative group, whole group, small group and independent activities to motivate and engage students at each level of language acquisition. You will learn numerous games, engaging activities, and innovative ideas to teach language skills across the curriculum.

Helping our ELL students gain confidence and competence as they learn English can be very rewarding. Being a member of a culturally diverse classroom can be an enriching experience for teachers and students. You will leave this institute with a wealth of highly effective and practical strategies for accelerating language skills, promoting self-esteem, and creating a community of active, engaged learners. Let me share what I have learned with you, so that you can also experience the rewards of helping your ELL students make more rapid progress. "Exiting" students from your ELL program because they have acquired English language proficiency is the best kind of caseload reduction there is! You'll leave this institute feeling invigorated and equipped with a toolbox full of ideas, resources and strategies you can use immediately. I look forward to meeting you at the institute!

Sincerely,

Mary Peterson

**P.S. You will leave this institute with an extensive digital resource handbook and dozens of use-tomorrow strategies, and a renewed desire to make a significant difference in the lives of your English Learners.**

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Mary Peterson

*"Mary Peterson is an **absolutely wonderful presenter!** I learned so much and am inspired and motivated to work with my ELS students."*  
– Courtney Randazzo, ELS/RTI K-5

*"Fantastic and engaging. **I'm leaving with many activities to bring right to the classroom.**"*  
– Holly Warshauer, ESL

*"This institute was great because **I received engaging writing and reading strategies** to support my ELLs."*  
– Latifa Benson, ENL Teacher

*"Mary Peterson is a fantastic presenter! **Teaching is definitely her calling as well as passion. Her experience and expertise** are valuable assets to her presentation! This is the **BEST** professional development!"*  
– Marsha Hybarger, ESL Teacher

*"Mary is full of ideas, samples and lessons. **Great resources that can be used right away.** I already emailed ideas to one of my co-teachers during the break."*  
– Emily Brodsky, EL Teacher



## About BER Institutes

### Outstanding Instructors

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### Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

You'll receive an extensive digital resource handbook full of practical strategies and resources.

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You'll be able to ask questions, consult with the instructor, and share ideas with other participants.

### Program Guarantee

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# Special Benefits of Attending



"I really enjoyed the handbook we received. It has a lot of great ideas, and I love that it includes Mary's extras we are able to access after the institute."

– ANN BREIDENBACH,  
ESL TEACHER

## On-Site Training

Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district in-person or online. See the options at [www.ber.org/onsite](http://www.ber.org/onsite) or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

## Extensive Digital Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies. The handbook includes:

- How to create an effective ELL program in the general classroom as well as in small group classrooms
- Step-by-step instructional strategies to enhance language skills
- Lesson plan formats
- Assessment guides and checklists
- Graphic organizers for reading and writing activities
- Links to several digital resources

## Share Ideas with Other Educators

This institute provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in helping English Learners exit their ELL programs.

## Consultation Available

Mary Peterson will be available to address your specific questions and the unique needs of your own program.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of Live Online Institutes and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify ten continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit [www.ber.org/ceus](http://www.ber.org/ceus)

## Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



Up to four graduate-level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow-up practicum activities. Details may be found at [www.ber.org/credit](http://www.ber.org/credit)

## Can't Attend?

### Other Professional Development Options:



#### Recorded Version of the Institute

Order the recorded version of this institute to take online at your convenience. You'll have 90-day access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. To enroll, see registration form on page 7, and for optional CEUs and graduate credit, please visit [www.ber.org/credit](http://www.ber.org/credit)



#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

Two related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Increase and Accelerate Your ELL Students' Learning and Success in School*, for Grades K-6, and *Helping English Language Learners Exit Your ELL Program*, for Grades K-8, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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## Registration (AEX6M1)

1. **July 29-30, 2026** (Start time: 9 AM Central)  
—or—
2. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this institute**

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**Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail**

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT – Team Discount Available

**The registration fee is \$595 per person,**

for teams of three or more registering at the same time, the fee is \$545 per person. **Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash, please.

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 **FAX this form to: 1-425-453-1134**

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## Program Hours

All Live Online Institutes are scheduled 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM in the time zone indicated. Check in 15 minutes prior. Registrants will be sent login information by email four days before their Live Online Institute.

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The registration fee is \$595 per person, \$545 per person for groups of three or more registering at the same time. Call us at 1-800-735-3503 for groups of ten or more. **Payment is due prior to the program.**

Fee includes institute registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook. The fee is the same for Live Online Institutes or Recorded Institutes.

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## Cancellation/Substitutions

100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the institute. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

## Program Guarantee

We stand behind the high quality of our programs by providing the following unconditional guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this program, we'll give you a 100% refund of your registration fee.

## Further Questions

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