

Washington Rural Alliance Partnership

REL Northwest will support the critical need of Rural Alliance partners to increase administrator and educator capacity to design and facilitate online or blended learning opportunities for their students.

INPUTS

Rural Alliance leadership | Rural Alliance member districts expertise and network | REL Northwest online and blended learning expert

ACTIVITIES

Training to build understanding of evidence-based practices in online/blended program design and implementation

Development of a coaching project to support leaders in the Rural Alliance in operationalizing and locally implementing the design elements

Development of online/blended learning guidance resource to organize and share evidence-based guidelines for design and implementing online and blended offerings
Development of a communication campaign to share the online/blended learning guidance resource across Washington

OUTPUTS

Series of three 3-hour synchronous virtual training sessions that leverage collaborative sense-making and collaborative content creation

Research agenda

Coaching sessions to support Rural Alliance leadership and member districts in operationalizing and implementing evidence-based design elements

Cross-district collaboration

Measurements to evaluate short and mid-term outcomes

Online and Blended Learning guidance resource
Ready-to-use and customizable digital media and other communications assets to support the Rural Alliance in promoting the toolkit and share the toolkit at relevant conferences and state convenings

Short-term OUTCOMES

Increased understanding of the research base pertaining to online and blended program design and implementation

Increased capacity to use the research base to inform decisions regarding next steps for the improvement of the online and blended program offerings in their region

Increased capacity to adapt evidence-based strategies for what is practicable in their systems

Medium-term OUTCOMES

Rural Alliance partners implement evidence-based strategies to improve the online and blended program offerings in their region based on specific local and regional needs

Rural Alliance partners use and adapt evidence in making decisions about programs and practices

Rural Alliance partners continuously monitor key indicators of the blended/virtual program offerings in their region

Long-term OUTCOMES

Partner districts increase course offerings needed for college and career readiness and success through online and blended options

Partner districts report an increase in online and blended learning participation