Why is Sanford Inspire updating its Professional Learning Library?

The new Sanford Programs Online Learning Portal is being developed to provide a more streamlined approach to offering Sanford Inspire’s high-quality modules and educational resources.

Sanford Inspire modules and resources will become part of the Sanford Programs Online Learning Portal that brings together the wider resources of all three education-focused Sanford Programs: Sanford Inspire; Sanford Harmony, a Pre-K-12 social emotional learning platform; and Sanford Institute of Philanthropy, which supports the work of nonprofit fundraisers. We believe that doing so will open up even greater opportunities for cross-pollination of ideas and resources that support your work.

When will the new portal launch?

Our launch date is planned for October 15.

Will the same modules be on the new portal?

Seventy-three of our current 82 modules will be on the new portal as nine will be on hold while we update the content. The nine modules that will not be on our new portal as of October 15 are:

1. Examining Teacher Practices Through Inquiry
2. Teacher Activism: How to Get Involved
3. Differentiation Strategy: Designing Respectful Learning Tasks
4. The Basics of Differentiation
5. Pulling Back the Curtain on Homework
6. Assessing Students During Cooperative Learning
7. Delivering Questions Effectively
8. Contrastive Analysis: Learn and Affirm Language
9. Student Motivation Theory – “I Can” and “I Want”

Will I need to do anything once the new portal launches to keep my account?

You do not need to do anything at this time. When the new portal launches, you will confirm your information and your account will be set up.

If I have started a module and not yet completed it, will my work in progress be transferred to the new portal?

No, module work in progress will not be saved. You will need to complete all modules you have started but not yet completed by October 10.
What steps are recommended for all users before October 10?

To ensure your user experience is not disrupted, all users will need to complete any modules they have started — but not yet completed — by October 10. Sanford Inspire will store a database of the completed modules, but we will not have access to any modules in progress.

It is also recommended that users keep a copy of the modules they have completed and download any certificates of completion not yet printed. While we plan to transfer all records to the new portal, as you know, there can be glitches in any data transfer.

If I have further questions, who do I contact?

Please email any additional questions to SanfordInspire@nu.edu.