

### Elementary & Secondary Educational Assistant PA Day Program

<b>Date</b>	October 6, 2023
<b>Length</b>	Full Day
<b>Topic</b>	Movement With Meaning
<b>Entity Hosting</b>	Niagara Catholic DSB in conjunction with Brock University
<b>Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s)</b>	Dr. Maureen Connolly and Demi Toms, Brock University
<b>Description</b> In this workshop, Educational Assistants will explore interactions and intersections between biological and social factors in developing, designing, implementing, and evaluating meaningful activity programs with diverse school-age populations. Presenters will use theoretical and conceptual information, active-learning and problem-solving, and interactive physical involvement in a “fishbowl” pedagogy.  <b><i>Embedded Curriculum and Station Based Pedagogy</i></b> (SBP) are approaches to learning and teaching based in fundamental movement skills, task breakdown and distributed practice. A basic skill that can be more easily learned in its entirety can be practiced at a station designed specifically for that skill. A more complex skill that presents challenges can be “broken down” into smaller elements or components and each element or component can be practiced at its own station, allowing for greater overall practice of a skill that would be more elusive if practiced in entirety only.  <b><i>Embedded Curriculum and Station Based Pedagogy:</i></b> a) can address disconnects based in complex profile learners. b) can contribute to more focused and relevant practice and progressions. c) can provide evidence for assessable, achievable, trackable, and reportable learning outcomes/goals d) can offer opportunities for instructors to develop their own capacities for designing and implementing stations where learning for a broad spectrum of abilities is possible.  Movement and engaging in some of the activities will be a key component of the day, and participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement, and footwear appropriate for the gymnasium.	