

ACES PDSI is pleased to announce our 2025-2026 workshops series: AI in Education. Below you will find information on our one-day, in person, AI workshops as well as our 3-day course: Leading with AI: ACES AI Certification for Leaders & Educators. Our schedule for our half-day, virtual sessions will be released soon!



## 2025-2026 ACES PDSI AI Workshop 1-Day Workshops

*All workshops are one day workshops. Please click the desired date to register.*

Click on the dates  
to register!

### AI in the Classroom: Tools for Today's Educators

This workshop is for teachers who want to explore how AI can enhance planning, assessment, and student engagement while keeping relationships central. Try classroom-ready tools, see examples, and take away ethical strategies to integrate AI into teaching. Choose **one of the two dates** below to register:

[October 1](#) | [February 11](#)

### AI & Information Literacy: Navigating AI Responsibly

This session is for library media specialists ready to explore AI's role in research, digital literacy, and ethics. Through hands-on activities and tool demos, you'll learn strategies to integrate AI into instruction, curate resources, and empower students to navigate AI content with discernment.

[October 6, 2025](#)

### AI for Administrative Assistants

Designed for administrative assistants, this session introduces AI tools to streamline scheduling, communication, and office tasks. You'll leave with easy-to-use strategies to save time, reduce stress, and boost efficiency while supporting students, staff, and families. Choose **one of the two dates** below to register:

[October 27, 2025](#) | [March 3, 2026](#)

### AI Strategy for District & School Leaders

For district and school leaders, this session explores strategic uses of AI through case studies, frameworks, and scenarios. Leaders will build a vision aligned with district priorities, address ethics and policy, and leave with tools and next steps for schoolwide integration. Choose **one of the two dates** below to register:

[November 5](#) | [March 5](#)

### Supporting Students with AI: For Paraeducators

Created for paraeducators, this hands-on session shows how AI can support individualized learning, behavior tracking, and communication tools. Participants will gain practical strategies, ethical guidance, and confidence to use AI in daily student support. Choose **one of the dates** below to register:

[December 4](#) | [January 14](#) | [May 19](#)

### Creative Intelligence: AI in the Arts

This session is for arts educators in music, visual arts, theater, and beyond. Explore how AI can support creativity through hands-on work with generative tools, examine ethical considerations, and leave with strategies to help students use AI to expand, never replace, their originality and imagination. Choose **one of the two dates** below to register:

[December 10](#) | [April 2](#)

### Teaching AI Literacy: Guiding Student Understanding

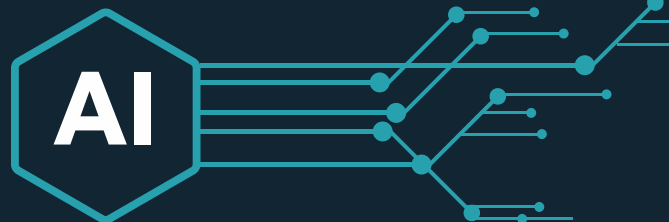
This session is for educators who want to build students' AI literacy. Explore how AI works, where students encounter it daily, and how to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and digital responsibility. Leave with strategies, model lessons, and tools to empower students as informed users of AI.

[January 13](#)

### AI & Student Data: Privacy, Ethics, & Safety

This session is for all educators, administrators, and support staff concerned with AI, privacy, and student safety. Explore how AI tools use data, examine issues like bias and consent, and leave with strategies to ask the right questions, engage families, and uphold equity and ethics in AI use.

[February 5](#)



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## 2025-2026 ACES PDSI AI Workshop **Virtual Workshops**

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Click on the dates  
to register!

### **AI in the Classroom: Tools for Today's Educators**

Teachers will explore how AI can support instructional planning, assessment, and student engagement. This session highlights practical tools and strategies that enhance classroom practice while keeping the human side of teaching at the center.

November 5

### **AI & Information Literacy: Navigating AI Responsibly**

Library media specialists will explore how AI intersects with digital literacy, research, and information ethics. This session highlights practical tools for instruction, resource curation, and strategies to guide students in navigating AI with responsibility and confidence.

October 8

### **AI for Administrative Assistants**

Administrative assistants will explore AI tools that enhance scheduling, communication, organization, and task automation. This session provides practical strategies to streamline workflows, increase efficiency, and save time in daily responsibilities.

October 22

### **AI Strategy for District & School Leaders**

School and district leaders will examine how to strategically integrate AI to support teaching, learning, and operational decision-making. This session explores ethical considerations, policy alignment, and strategies for guiding teams through AI adoption with confidence and clarity.

November 12

### **Supporting Students with AI: For Paraeducators**

Paraeducators will explore how AI can assist with differentiated instruction, behavior support, and student communication. This session empowers participants to use AI tools confidently and ethically to strengthen their daily practice and impact on student learning.

April 22

### **Creative Intelligence: AI in the Arts**

Explore how AI can support creativity in music, art, theater, and more. Participants will engage with generative tools, consider artistic and ethical implications, and identify ways AI can expand student expression without limiting originality.

April 1

### **Teaching AI Literacy: Guiding Student Understanding**

This session equips educators with tools and strategies to teach students the foundations of AI, including how it works, where it shows up in their lives, and how to think critically about it. Emphasis is placed on curiosity, safety, and digital responsibility.

January 21

### **Teaching AI Literacy: Guiding Student Understanding**

Instructional coaches will explore how AI can strengthen their practice by streamlining preparation, enhancing data analysis, and supporting teacher growth.

February 25

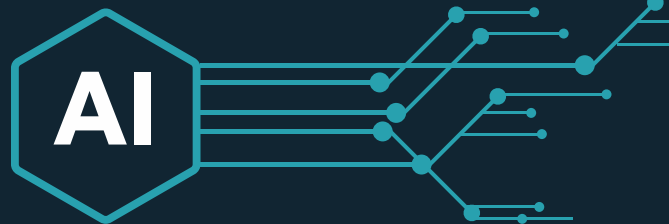
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March 18



Professional Development  
& School Improvement



Join us for **this comprehensive 3-day course** designed to equip district and school leaders, as well as educators, with the knowledge and skills to integrate artificial intelligence responsibly and effectively in education. Participants will engage in five interactive modules that cover foundational AI concepts, instructional applications, ethical and policy considerations, and strategies for leading AI integration in schools.

- Module 1: AI Foundations for Leaders & Educators
- Module 2: Data Privacy, Accuracy & Management
- Module 3: Leadership & Change Management in AI Integration
- Module 4: AI in Community & Family Engagement
- Module 5: AI Pilot Programs & Practical Application

# LEADING WITH AI: ACES AI CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR LEADERS & EDUCATORS



**Fall Course Dates:** October 29, 30, and November 14, 2025

**Spring Course Dates:** April 7, 8 and May 5, 2026

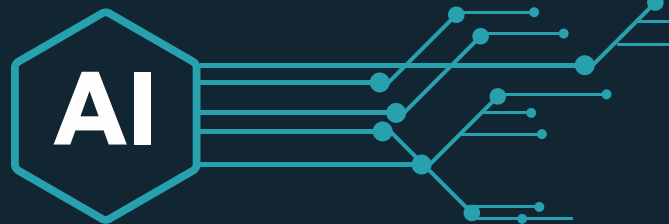
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Click [here](#) to register today!

In collaboration with Bob Hutchins of Human Voice Media, this course immerses participants in hands-on activities, case studies, and collaborative planning. Educators and leaders will leave with practical tools and a clear, actionable plan for bringing AI into their schools and classrooms. Upon completion, participants will earn an ACES AI Certification Course Certificate and Digital Badge, recognizing their readiness to lead and support AI implementation in education.

**Questions?** Contact John Gustafson at [jgustafson@aces.org](mailto:jgustafson@aces.org)



## LEADING WITH AI:

### ACES AI CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR LEADERS & EDUCATORS

#### DAY 1

**Module 1:**  
AI Foundations for  
Educators and  
Leaders

#### DAY 2

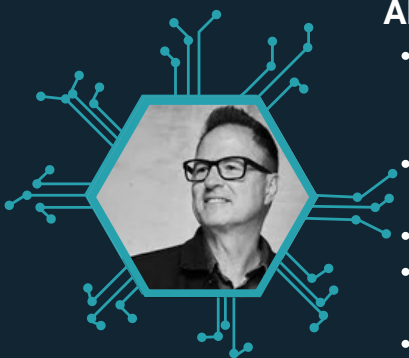
**Module 2:**  
Data Privacy,  
Accuracy, and  
Management

**Module 3:**  
Leadership & Change  
Management in AI  
Integration

#### DAY 3

**Module 4:**  
AI in Community &  
Family Engagement

**Module 5:**  
AI Pilot Programs &  
Practical Application



#### About Bob Hutchins:

- Founder and President of Human Voice Media, specializing in AI advisory, literacy and marketing strategy solutions to enterprise businesses, educational organizations, and non-profits
- Former founder and Chief Marketing Officer at Buzzplant, an early digital marketing agency in Nashville, TN with clients including Disney, Warner Brothers, and General Motors
- Author of four books on media, technology, and marketing.
- Regularly interviewed and featured in national publications including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Bloomberg, HuffPost, and INC Magazine.
- His TEDx Talk from 2022 has garnered over a million views worldwide
- Masters Degree is from London Metropolitan University in Behavioral and Organizational Psychology with Distinction.
- PhD candidate at Universitat Oberto de Catalunya in Barcelona Spain, in the school of Society, Technology, and Culture. His thesis is focusing on Generative AI and meaning-making. "Existential Echoes in Technological Evolution: From Audio-Visual to Generative AI"

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