

50 Ways to Develop as a Professional

Teachers undertake professional learning opportunities throughout their career for a variety of reasons. Most commonly and as part of their own professional growth plan, they are seeking to fulfill and learn from guiding short or long term professional goals. This list highlights formal and informal ways in which a teacher may wish to engage in professional learning opportunities that would enhance their own learning.

Register for Manitoba Teachers' Society's workshops and seminars	Partner with community organizations to develop new programs
Apply for a Manitoba Teachers' Society's grant	Develop and up-date your professional growth plan
Attend workshops provided by recognized educational organizations	Volunteer to participate on a committee with The Manitoba Teachers' Society
Join a Special Area Groups of Educators	Become a peer coach
Listen to professional podcasts related to issues or ideas about education	Enrol in a university course
Teachers-Talking-To-Teachers – Have regular professional conversations with colleagues	Implement a new instructional/assessment strategy
Read professional articles related to issues and ideas about education	Pilot a new program/series
Become part of a Professional Learning Community	Participate as a community organization chair or board member
Visit and observe a teacher to collaborate	Acquire and use new technology
Serve as a cooperating teacher for a teacher candidate from one of the universities	Acquire and use new strategies related to the infusion of technology in your teaching practice
Join a curriculum development committee	Attend a PD event hosted by Special Area Groups of Educators
Join a professional educational organization and get involved in its activities or events	Attend informative lectures hosted by one of the faculties of education
Plan a staff or association workshop	Attend public lectures offered and hosted by the universities
Develop and sustain a professional newsletter or blog	Collaborate to create a learning blog
Serve on your Local Executive	Lead a discussion about educational resources available to teachers
Regularly visit a teacher resource centre	Invite a colleague to observe your teaching in a classroom
Serve on a committee and get involved in writing a grant for a new project	Write and share a book review
Serve on a PD planning committee	Teach a subject or course in a different grade level or context
Write an article for a journal, newsletter or blog	Supervise or become involved in a student organization at your school
Join a study group	Access and join one of the MTS social media sites
Serve as a mentor to a newer teacher in your school or division	Engage in a professional international collaboration
Attend an educational summer institute of your choice	Take an on-line or distance course
Attend a school board meeting	Interview colleagues about professional issues surrounding education
Co-teach with a colleague	Participate in professional focus groups or surveys
Participate in a podcast or webinar	Start a book club on matters related to education