

# Components of an Effective, Culturally Responsive Lesson - ICUCARE

Pair an ICUCARE principle or principles with a student-centered instructional strategy.

- Include others as Experts.
- Be Critically Conscious

- Understand your students.
- Culturally Relevant Curricula
- Assess prior Knowledge.

- Release Control
- Expect More

ICUCARE	STUDENT - CENTERED STRATEGIES	LESSON/ACTIVITY
	<p><b>Shift the Focus of Knowledge:</b> In a student-centered classroom, the goal is not just for the teacher to transfer their knowledge to the student, but for students to construct their own understanding and knowledge.</p>	
	<p><b>Create Ongoing Projects:</b> These projects should have clear expectations and allow students to explore topics in depth. This approach encourages active learning and allows students to apply what they've learned.</p>	
	<p><b>Ask the Right Questions:</b> Instead of simply providing information, teachers should ask questions that stimulate critical thinking and encourage students to explore and understand concepts.</p>	
	<p><b>Have Students Set Goals:</b> This encourages students to take ownership of their learning and fosters self-motivation.</p>	
	<p><b>Integrate Technology:</b> Technology can provide interactive and engaging learning experiences and can be used to personalize learning.</p>	
	<p><b>Create a Workshop Environment:</b> This involves replacing traditional homework with in-class activities that engage students and aligning inquiry-based projects to course objectives.</p>	

	<p><b>Promote Autonomy:</b> Students should have the freedom to make choices about their learning, which can increase their engagement and motivation.</p>	
	<p><b>Shift from Standardization to Personalization:</b> This involves recognizing and valuing each student as an individual with unique learning needs and preferences.</p>	
	<p><b>Be Flexible:</b> Student-centered classrooms are more fluid and flexible. Teachers should be open to deviating from the lesson plan to address students' questions and interests.</p>	
	<p><b>Promote Active Learning:</b> Students should be encouraged to actively participate in their learning, rather than passively receiving information.</p>	

By implementing the ICUCARE framework that includes these student-centered strategies, teachers can create a more engaging and effective learning environment that promotes student autonomy, critical thinking, and deep understanding.

