

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT

THE NINE EVENTS OF INSTRUCTION



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Gagne's Nine Events of Instruction is a framework developed by educational psychologist Robert Gagne. The model is designed to guide the creation of effective instructional content and enhance the learning process. The nine events represent a sequence of steps that instructors can follow to create a structured and engaging learning experience.

Gain Attention

At the beginning of a lesson, capture the learners' attention to get them focused. Use an attention-grabbing story, pose a question to start discussion, or present a real-world scenario related to the content.

Provide Objectives

Clearly state the learning objectives and goals so that learners understand what they are expected to achieve by the end of the lesson. This helps set expectations and provides a sense of purpose for the instruction.

Stimulate Recall of Prior Knowledge

Activate the learners' prior knowledge related to the topic. This helps establish connections between what they already know and the new information, making it easier for them to grasp and retain new concepts.

Present Content

Introduce the instructional content in a clear and organized manner. This could involve presenting information through text, visuals, multimedia, or other relevant formats, ensuring it aligns with the learning objectives.

Provide Guidance

Offer guidance and support to help learners understand and process the information. This can include providing examples, case studies, or feedback on exercises.

Elicit Performance (Practice)

Encourage active participation and engagement by having learners demonstrate their understanding. This could involve exercises, discussions, simulations, etc.

Give Feedback

Offer timely and constructive feedback on learners' performance.

Assess Performance

Evaluate learners' overall performance to determine the extent to which they have achieved the learning objectives. This step helps instructors identify areas where additional reinforcement or clarification may be needed.

Enhance Transfer & Retention

Facilitate the transfer of knowledge to real-world situations by providing opportunities for learners to apply what they've learned in different contexts. This helps solidify understanding and promotes long-term retention.



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As you design your own module/session/activity, consider how you will incorporate Gagne's Nine Events of Instruction in the table below.

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