ALL students deserve Inspired Teachers who teach them how to think not just what to think. Here’s how we are making that a reality:

Prepare New Teachers
Through a 24-month residency program, Inspired Teaching Fellows are prepared for successful and sustainable careers as teachers and changemakers in Washington, DC while earning a DC teaching license and a Master of Arts in Teaching. The seamless connection between theory and practice ensures that Inspired Teaching Fellows are well-prepared to create student-centered, data-driven classrooms.

Shift the Practice of Current Teachers
The nationwide adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) has ramped up demand for a change in teaching and learning and Inspired Teaching’s inquiry-based model meets this demand. We have developed and implemented a middle school CCSS math program in Baltimore City. We are training Washington, DC middle school teachers to design and implement a district-wide CCSS social studies curriculum, and we are launching a similar program for K-12 science teachers this year.

Model Inspired Teaching in Action
In 2011, we opened a school to showcase the work of Inspired Teachers. The Inspired Teaching Demonstration School currently serves students in Preschool through grade 5 and will grow to grade 8 by 2016. At this school, students learn through an academically challenging, standards-based curriculum that supports and builds their intellect, inquiry skills, imagination, and integrity. Master Teachers lead every classroom, instruction is individualized, and learning is joyful and engaging. The school serves as a demonstration site for our instructional approach and trains teachers in the Inspired Teacher Certification Program.

“I have been blessed to have Inspired Teaching at the school. I would not be able to do the crucial work of raising student achievement without the aid of a program with high caliber experts.”

- Principal

“After working in this system for over 10 years, I have had my share of workshops. Inspired Teaching’s, I have to say, is absolutely the best one. There’s not even a close second.”

- Preschool teacher
Inspired Teacher Certification Program

The Inspired Teacher Certification Program is one of the most intensive new teacher training programs in the nation - including a yearlong residency experience; integrated coursework grounded in a rich and research-based philosophy of teaching and learning; and comprehensive mentoring during both the residency year and the first year as teacher of record.

Grounded in the belief that teaching is an intellectually rigorous and demanding profession, the program prepares new teachers through a residency model that combines embedded clinical experiences with graduate coursework resulting in a Master of Arts in Teaching from Trinity Washington University. The seamless connection between theory and practice ensures that Inspired Teaching Fellows are well prepared for the challenges of teaching in an urban classroom.

93% of program alumni are still working in the field of education, with 75% working in DC public and public charter schools.

According to the CLASS™ tool, Inspired Teaching Fellows consistently outperform their peers, receiving significantly higher ratings in instructional support. The University of Virginia’s nationally normed Classroom Assessment and Scoring System (CLASS™) measures the quality of student-teacher interactions that have been shown to correlate most closely with student achievement.

94% of principals report that their Inspired Teaching Fellow’s ability to implement instruction that results in student learning is as effective as or more effective than other first-year teachers.

The Inspired Teacher Certification Process

Step 1: Rigorous Selection Process

Step 2: 3 Week Summer Institute

Step 3: Residency Year & Coursework

Step 4: Summer Teaching Practicum

Step 5: Fellowship Year (as teachers of record)

Step 6: Alumni Engagement