



Instructional Design Competencies

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About the 2012 Revision

There are twenty-two (22) newly updated ibstpi® instructional design competencies in the Revised 2012 Edition. These competencies are clustered into five (5) domains and are supported by one hundred and five (105) performance statements.

These competencies reflect the fact that the field of instructional design has grown in breadth, depth, and complexity such that no one person can be expected to be fully competent in all related skills and knowledge.



Instructional Design Competencies

PROFESSIONAL FOUNDATIONS	Level of Expertise
1. Communicate effectively in visual, oral and written form.	Essential
2. Apply research and theory to the discipline of instructional design.	Advanced
3. Update and improve knowledge, skills, and attitudes pertaining to the instructional design process and related fields.	Essential
4. Apply data collection and analysis skills in instructional design projects.	Advanced
5. Identify and respond to ethical, legal, and political implications of design in the workplace.	Essential

(Essential for all Instructional Designers; Advanced Instructional Designers [E+A]; Managers of Instructional Design function [M+A+E])



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PLANNING AND ANALYSIS	Level of Expertise
6. Conduct a needs assessment in order to recommend appropriate design solutions and strategies.	Advanced
7. Identify and describe target population and environmental characteristics.	Essential
8. Select and use analysis techniques for determining instructional content.	Essential
9. Analyze the characteristics of existing and emerging technologies and their potential use.	Essential

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DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT	Level of Expertise
10. Use an instructional design and development process appropriate for a given project.	Essential
11. Organize instructional programs and/or products to be designed, developed, and evaluated.	Essential
12. Design instructional interventions.	Essential
13. Plan non-instructional interventions.	Advanced
14. Select or modify existing instructional materials.	Essential
15. Develop instructional materials.	Essential
16. Design learning assessment.	Advanced

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EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION	Level of Expertise
17. Evaluate instructional and non-instructional interventions.	Advanced
18. Revise instructional and non-instructional solutions based on data.	Essential
19. Implement, disseminate, and diffuse instructional and non-instructional interventions.	Advanced
MANAGEMENT	Level of Expertise
20. Apply business skills to managing the instructional design function.	Managerial
21. Manage partnerships and collaborative relationships.	Managerial
22. Plan and manage instructional design projects.	Advanced

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Instructional design Performance Statements Examples

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1. Communicate effectively in visual, oral and written form. (Essential)

Competencies are the core component of the ibstpi® model. They are short statements, each one providing a general description of a complex effort.

Each competency is supported by a list of **performance statements** which provide a fuller description of how the competency is demonstrated.

Performance Statements

- a. Write and edit messages that are clear, concise, and grammatically correct (Essential)
- b. Deliver presentations that effectively engage audiences and communicate clear messages (Essential)
- c. Use active listening skills (Essential)
- d. Solicit, accept, and provide constructive feedback (Essential)
- e. Present written and oral messages that take into account the type of information being delivered and the diverse backgrounds, roles, and varied responsibilities of the audience (Advanced)
- f. Facilitate meetings effectively (Advanced)
- g. Use effective collaboration and consensus-building skills (Advanced)
- h. Use effective negotiation and conflict resolution skills (Advanced)
- i. Use effective questioning techniques (Advanced)
- j. Disseminate status, summary, or action-oriented reports (Advanced)



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