

# MOVING FROM TEACHER TO STUDENTS CENTERED TEACHING WITH ICUCARE

Moving from teacher-centered to student-centered instruction involves several key strategies:

**Shift the Focus of Knowledge:** 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.

**Create Ongoing Projects:** 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.

**Ask the Right Questions:** Instead of simply providing information, teachers should ask questions that stimulate critical thinking and encourage students to explore and understand concepts.

**Have Students Set Goals:** This encourages students to take ownership of their learning and fosters self-motivation.

**Integrate Technology:** Technology can provide interactive and engaging learning experiences and can be used to personalize learning.

**Create a Workshop Environment:** This involves replacing traditional homework with in-class activities that engage students and aligning inquiry-based projects to course objectives.

**Promote Autonomy:** Students should have the freedom to make choices about their learning, which can increase their engagement and motivation.

**Shift from Standardization to Personalization:** This involves recognizing and valuing each student as an individual with unique learning needs and preferences.

**Be Flexible:** Student-centered classrooms are more fluid and flexible. Teachers should be open to deviating from the lesson plan to address students' questions and interests.

**Promote Active Learning:** Students should be encouraged to actively participate in their learning, rather than passively receiving information.

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

*Components of an Effective, Culturally Responsive Lesson*

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