

MARIA BENNETT

Instructional Designer | Denver, CO | Portfolio and contact details available upon request

PROFILE

Instructional designer with eight years of classroom experience creating, delivering, and measuring learning for 150+ students annually. Builds scenario-based e-learning in Articulate Storyline and Rise using ADDIE and backward design. Recent corporate training work spans compliance and onboarding, with a focus on practical skills for adult learners.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructional Design Contractor | Brightpath Learning Co. · Remote Mar 2026 – Present

- Redesigned a 40-slide compliance course as a 15-minute, scenario-based Storyline module; completion increased from 61% to 89%.
- Created six microlearning videos and job aids for customer-support onboarding used by 120 new hires.
- Interviewed learners, piloted materials with 12 employees, and revised assessments using quiz results.

8th Grade Science Teacher & Curriculum Lead | Ridgeview Middle School · Denver Public Schools Aug 2018 – Jun 2026

- Designed project-based physical science curriculum for six classes and 150+ students annually; state test proficiency rose from 54% to 71% over three years.
- Led a five-teacher team in rewriting the grade-eight science sequence around NGSS standards.
- Created 30+ self-paced Canvas modules that became the school's model for hybrid learning.
- Trained 20 colleagues on Canvas and Google Classroom during the transition to remote teaching.

Science Teacher | Lakewood Charter Academy Aug 2016 – Jun 2018

- Taught seventh-grade life science and built hands-on labs within a \$300 annual budget.
- Mentored two first-year teachers through their induction year.

SELECTED INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN PROJECTS

- Spot the Phish: Branching security training scenario in which learners triage suspicious emails. Articulate Storyline, Vyond.
- New Manager Onboarding: Five-module Rise course with knowledge checks and a downloadable 30-60-90 day planner. Articulate Rise, Canva.
- Teacher-to-ID Career Kit: Free self-paced mini-course with 400+ enrollments. Thinkific, Loom.

SKILLS

Design: ADDIE, backward design, Bloom's taxonomy, needs analysis, learning objectives, assessment design

Authoring & media: Articulate Storyline 360, Articulate Rise, Camtasia, Vyond, Canva, basic Figma

Platforms & collaboration: Canvas, Moodle, Google Classroom, Thinkific; facilitation, coaching, stakeholder interviews, data-driven iteration

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Certificate in Instructional Design · University of Colorado Denver, 2026

M.A. in Curriculum & Instruction · Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2020

B.S. in Biology · Colorado State University, 2016

Colorado Professional Teaching License (Secondary Science) · Google Certified Educator, Level 2