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## Education Reflections: Understanding Today's Schools

IDCEC Course# CC-123314 Designation- HSW

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### Course Credits:

1.0 CEU / 1 LU

### Course Description:

The landscape of education is evolving, presenting new challenges and opportunities for schools, educators and students. This course explores the current state of schools, including teacher retention, student behavioral trends and the impact of population shifts. Participants will examine Generation Z's perspectives on education, discuss key obstacles facing today's learning environments, and explore strategies for creating more effective, inclusive spaces. Through data-driven insights and interactive discussions, this session will equip attendees with a deeper understanding of the issues shaping education today and inspire solutions for a brighter future.

### Course Objectives:

1. Explore the purpose of education - Explore how the role of education has shifted over time, from knowledge retention to fostering critical thinking, creativity, and civic engagement.
2. Examine challenges facing schools today - Identify major issues such as teacher retention, population growth, overcrowding, absenteeism, and declining test scores, and discuss their impact on educational outcomes.
3. Understanding the needs and expectations of today's students - Understand Generation Z's perspectives on education, their preparedness for life after graduation, and how socioeconomic factors influence student confidence and success.
4. Evaluate strategies for enhancing the learning environment - Discuss ways to create more effective and inclusive educational spaces that support both students and teachers, addressing behavioral trends, mental health concerns, and modern learning met.