



# Marriage Protocol



*The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate connections between theory and practice by helping educators connect professional experiences with a new reading or readings. The Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer accompanies this document.*

*Total Time: 30 – 40 minutes*

## **Preparation** (5 minutes)

1. **Something Old** (2-3 minutes)
  - a. Review the reading(s). Record passages, ideas, concepts, or thoughts from the reading(s) that were reinforced in the Something Old quadrant of the Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer. These notes represent “Something Old” meaning ideas, concepts, or thoughts that you already knew.
2. **Something New** (2-3 minutes)
  - a. Review the reading(s). Record passages, ideas, concepts, or thoughts that you learned from the reading(s) in the Something New quadrant of the Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer. These notes represent “Something New” meaning ideas, concepts, or thoughts that you did not already know but rather learned from the reading(s).

## **Sharing** (10 minutes)

1. Participants should take their Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer and a writing utensil, stand up, and form two lines with the lines facing each other.
2. Participants should pair off with the person facing opposite of them.
3. In pairs, participants each get 1 minute to share something they recorded in their “Something Old” or “Something New” quadrants of the Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer.
4. After sharing, participants record something they learned and/or liked that they want remember for their future practice in the Something Borrowed quadrant of the Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer. These recordings represent “Something Borrowed” meaning ideas, concepts, or thoughts that the participant would like to consider or include in their future practice.
5. One line should shift a set number of people (e.g. 2) to the right while the other line stays still. This way, participants now have a new partner.
6. Repeat steps 3-5 until the time limit is reached.
7. For added effect, consider playing wedding music if desired.



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## Individual Reflection (5-10 minutes)

1. **Something Blue**
  - a. Something Blue represents aspiration.
  - b. Participants should return to their seats.
  - c. Review the recordings in the Marriage Protocol Graphic Organizer in the Something Old, New, and Borrowed quadrants.
  - d. Participants should engage in a 2-3 minute quick write as they reflect on the recordings and consider something that they aspire to what they have recorded on their paper.
2. If time permits, have participants share their Something Blue with other participants either in small groups or whole group (5 minutes).

## Writing of the Vows (5-10 minutes)

1. The Vows represent the written commitment participants will make to the group. Participants should set goals with concrete action steps about what they will do to change their practice based on their participation in this protocol.
2. If time permits, have participants share their Vows with other participants either in small groups or whole group (5 minutes).

## Debrief the Protocol (5 minutes)

1. Debriefing the protocol is an important step. Participants should process what worked and what could be adjusted for the future.