

AR-Integrated Pedagogy

Teacher Engagement Methodology

Profe Neuro Plus · NeuroEcosystem AR Lesson Planner

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Overview

The AR Lesson Planner in Profe Neuro Plus is not a content-delivery tool. It is a pedagogical ignition system: it activates inquiry before formal instruction so that later explanation can stick.

Framework	Role in this methodology
NeuroEcosystem Model of Success (Monterrosa, 2025)	Stage cycle: Anchor → Understand & Remember → Learn & Apply → Confidence & Competence
Universal Design for Learning (UDL)	Multiple means of representation, engagement, and expression
Self-Determination Theory (SDT)	Autonomy, competence, and relatedness as drivers of intrinsic motivation

Core insight. The 3D model is never the lesson. A model used alone is no stronger than a photograph on a whiteboard. Power comes from the teacher’s sequence: reveal, observe, inquire, produce language, reflect.

The seven engagement strategies

Strategy 1 — “WHAT IS THIS?” — The Cold Open Hook

Phase: Anchor

Cognitive goal: Activate prior knowledge; trigger curiosity through uncertainty

The teacher projects the 3D model with zero context. Students observe for 60 seconds, then write three observations. Ask: “What do you think this is? What makes you say that?” A recognizable-but-unnamed object creates productive tension (desirable difficulty) so students start as hypothesis-makers, not passive receivers.

Best models: Chloroplast · Condor · Water Cycle · DNA Helix · Colosseum · Olmec Jade Mask

Classroom purpose: Opens Stage 1 (Emotional Anchor): the environment holds attention long enough for learning to begin.

Strategy 2 — “SILENT SKETCH” — Observation Before Vocabulary

Phase: Anchor → Understand & Remember

Cognitive goal: Build perceptual schema before linguistic encoding; strengthen later retrieval

Before any vocabulary is introduced, students sketch the 3D model freehand. The teacher then introduces terminology. Students self-correct and annotate their own sketches. Visual perception, motor production, then language creates a stronger trace than text-first instruction. The student’s sketch becomes a personal retrieval cue.

Best models: Human Brain · Plant Cell · Heart & Lungs · Geometric Solids · Respiratory System · Skeleton

Classroom purpose: Gives more than one way in (UDL representation) and supports learners who need a visual-motor scaffold before words.

Strategy 3 — “BE THE EXPERT” — Student Narration

Phase: Learn & Apply

Cognitive goal: Activate production fluency; build academic language in authentic context

A student stands at the front. The 3D model rotates behind them. Task: narrate like a museum guide — what it is, why it matters, one surprising fact — in the target language. The object carries memory load; the student adds language, gesture, and pointing.

Best models: Andean Condor · El Salvador Flag · Mayan Pyramid · Printing Press · Marimba · Telescope

Classroom purpose: Creates a low-stakes oral-language turn that many underserved classrooms otherwise skip.

Strategy 4 — “SPOT THE DIFFERENCE” — Comparative Analysis

Phase: Understand & Remember → Learn & Apply

Cognitive goal: Develop analytical reasoning; build disciplinary vocabulary through contrast

Two related 3D models — one per student pair. Without seeing each other’s screens, Student A describes Model A while Student B records. Then they switch. Together they find: What is similar? What is different? What does the difference tell us?

Best models: Parthenon + Colosseum · Plant Cell + Chloroplast · Volcán de San Salvador + Globe · Geometric Solids + DNA Helix

Classroom purpose: Builds comparison in under five minutes once two models are chosen. Little prep; high thinking.

Strategy 5 — “MISSING PIECE” — Guided Inquiry

Phase: Understand & Remember

Cognitive goal: Develop inferential reasoning; build conceptual ownership

The teacher shows the 3D model but withholds one key concept — calling it only “the process that makes this possible.” Students reason toward it. When the answer is revealed, what was discovered is usually kept longer than what was only told.

Best models: Water Cycle (withhold: condensation) · Chloroplast (withhold: photosynthesis) · Colosseum (withhold: engineering)

Classroom purpose: Makes inquiry usable for a teacher at any training level, without a separate inquiry unit.

Strategy 6 — “WHERE DOES THIS LIVE?” — Contextual Mapping

Phase: Learn & Apply

Cognitive goal: Connect abstract knowledge to geographic and cultural reality

For geography, citizenship, and science models, students place a marker on a printed map: where the subject originates, lives, or was built. They answer: Where is it? Why there? What does it mean for us? The third question is the one that makes the lesson personal (for example, the Andean condor and El Salvador).

Best models: Volcán de San Salvador · El Salvador Flag · Mayan Pyramid · Colosseum · Parthenon · Globe

Classroom purpose: Builds cultural and geographic relevance into the lesson instead of leaving it as an extra.

Strategy 7 — “AR DEBATE CORNER” — Evidence-Based Argumentation

Phase: Confidence & Competence

Cognitive goal: Develop persuasive reasoning; build academic discourse skills

Two teams, each assigned a different 3D model from the same subject. Five minutes to build an argument. Then they debate: “Our model represents a more important contribution because...” The model becomes an exhibit to point to and defend.

Best models: Mayan Pyramid vs. Parthenon · Heart & Lungs vs. Brain · Telescope vs. Microscope · Marimba vs. Guitar

Classroom purpose: Moves students into Stage 4: they use evidence in public, with peers, after practice — competence that is shown, not only scored.

Alignment map (classroom, not a funder rubric)

Strategy	NEM phase	UDL	SDT
Cold Open Hook	Anchor	Engagement	Curiosity / autonomy
Silent Sketch	Anchor → Understand	Representation	Competence
Student Narration	Learn & Apply	Expression	Competence + relatedness
Comparative Analysis	Understand → Apply	Representation + expression	Autonomy
Missing Piece	Understand	Engagement	Curiosity / autonomy
Contextual Mapping	Learn & Apply	Representation	Relatedness
AR Debate Corner	Confidence & Competence	Expression	All three

Why this matters in the classroom

The planner puts the teaching decision back with the teacher and lowers the prep cost of doing it well. A teacher with one device can generate a four-phase lesson around a 3D model and walk in with a sequence that is already mapped to Anchor → Understand → Apply → Competence.

The seven strategies are not add-ons. They are the layer that turns a model into a learning experience. Experiences, repeated, are what change outcomes — not the file count of a 3D library.

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