# Development of an Inquiry-Based, Learner-Centered Nutrition Education Curriculum for the Shaping Healthy Choices Program

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# Shaping Healthy Choices Program

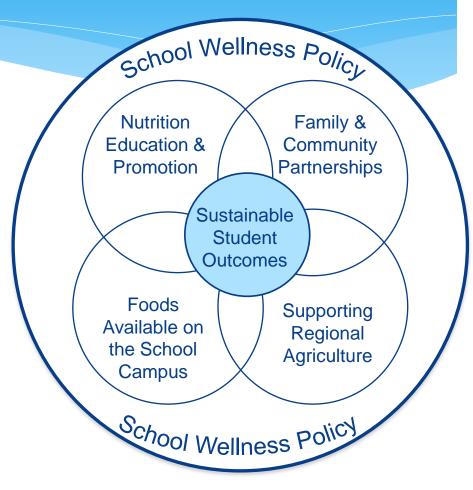
#### **UCANR Strategic Initiative**

**Healthy Families and Communities** 

- Promoting Healthy Behaviors through Childhood Obesity Prevention
- Youth Science Literacy

#### **Program Objectives**

- Increase nutrition knowledge and use of science process skills
- 2. Promote availability, consumption, and enjoyment of fruits and vegetables
- 3. Improve dietary patterns and encourage physical activity
- Foster positive changes in the school environment
- 5. Facilitate development of an infrastructure to sustain the program

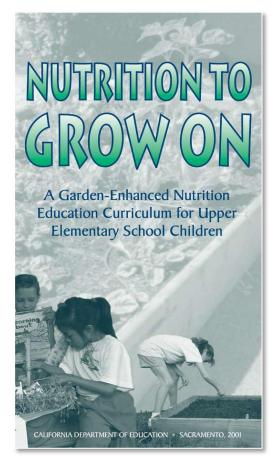


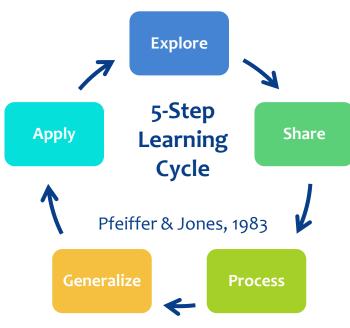
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# Curriculum Development

### Discovering Healthy Choices

An Inquiry-based nutrition science curriculum based on Nutrition to Grow On





## Discovering Healthy Choices Modules

Introduction to Nutrition, Gardening & Agriculture

**Getting Physically Active** 

**Nutrients We Need** 

Serving Sizes

MyPlate

**Food Labels** 

Consumerism

Making Healthy Snacks

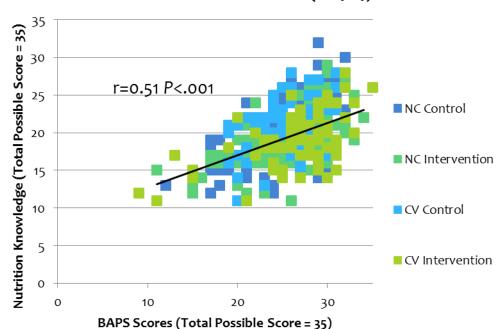
# Evaluation of Discovering Healthy Choices

#### **Methods**

- Pre-/Post- Questionnaires
  - \* Basic Test of Science Process Skills (BAPS)
  - Nutrition Knowledge
- \* Analysis of student work throughout intervention
  - \* Science process skills
  - Nutrition knowledge

#### **Preliminary Results**

# Relationship between Nutrition Knowledge and Science Process Skills (n=464)



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