

LEARN NC

Professional Development Online: CAROLINA ONLINE TEACHER PROGRAM

YOU'RE READY

So you'd like to teach online. You recognize that new advances in online interactivity are opportunities to engage and inspire today's students. You realize the changing face of education means more courses will be online, and that teachers prepared for the online classroom will have a career advantage over those who don't.

CAROLINA ON-LINE TEACHER PROGRAM

Now you can earn a LEARN NC Certificate in Online Instruction through the Carolina On-Line Teacher program (COLT). In five core courses and two electives, totaling a minimum of 17 CEUs, you'll master the component skills of online teaching: effective collaboration and facilitation, creating learning communities, navigating the virtual classroom, and developing student-centered instruction.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Students first take three required courses:

Moodle Training—3 weeks

Want to teach one of LEARN NC's online courses yourself? Master teaching in Moodle, LEARN NC's course management system, to customize one of our courses for your own classroom.

Teaching Online Courses—5 weeks

Adapt to the challenges of teaching online. This course addresses the complex relationship between content, pedagogy, and delivery in the virtual classroom.

Facilitating Online Collaboration—3 weeks

Develop strategies and skills to facilitate online communication, moderate online discussion, and promote accomplishment of instructional goals. Communication is the lifeblood of online courses. Learn how to make the most of it.

Then they choose two of the following electives:

Accessibility, Usability, and Visual Design—5 weeks

Learn how the placement of information on web pages, the size and intensity of graphics, and even the color of your text are powerful tools for communicating meaning. Make your course materials accessible to all learners, and apply usability principles to make materials easier to learn and more satisfying for students.

Assessment and Evaluation in Your Online Course—4 weeks

Plan and create engaging online activities and assessments. This course provides a collection of resources and exercises that define the assessment process. You'll gain the tools to create activities that ensure students meet your learning objectives.



Differentiating Instruction in Online Courses—6 weeks

Create a differentiated learning environment in your own online courses. You will learn to modify content, learning experiences, and assessment to address the unique needs, skills, and learning styles of individual students.

Teaching English Language Learners in Online Courses—4 weeks

Understand the needs of English Language Learners and students with low academic literacy skills. You'll learn strategies for reaching all students, as well as how to structure discussions for clarity.

Collaboration and Teaching in a Virtual World—5 weeks

Immerse yourself in a three-dimensional learning landscape. You'll explore the online world known as Second Life, learning its communication systems, avatar creation, and how it can enhance student collaboration.

Finally, students take the last two required courses:

Developing Your Online Course—6 weeks

Build your own online course from scratch, or revise one of ours. Developing Your Online Course teaches you the design and development strategies you need to develop your course online.

Practicum in Online

Teaching—Available Fall 2008
Teach your online course with a pilot group of students or teachers. An experienced online-learning mentor will guide you through typical problem areas. The Practicum in Online Teaching may be done in conjunction with your school or county, and even as part of your normal teaching load.

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