



Web Instructor Certification Course, Part 1

How to teach web-based courses...

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Approved professional development for online teachers through the T Network

Welcome...

You will be participating in a virtual learning experience that is expanding exponentially across the nation. Today there are two levels of web-based instruction. The first is defined as web-enhanced. At this level, teachers use the Internet and technology applications to support their classrooms, which they teach in the traditional manner at specific times. Web-enhancing a conventional course is frequently a teacher's first step in exploring the possibilities of online learning. The second level, web-based learning, is categorized as courses with instruction and resources delivered entirely over the Internet. **Part I of Region 4's Web Instructor's Certification is designed to prepare you for the experience of teaching in the web-based learning environment.**

Learning Activities:

This course is intended to be application centered, supported by current Distance Education research and theory. It provides professional development, which focuses on the mastery of skills needed to be effective as an online teacher. The learning activities incorporated in this training are practical and useful. Learning activities include:

1. Introduction to materials, methods, and concepts unique to web-based instruction
2. Communication and interaction formats that facilitate electronic community building
3. Collaboration to review, revise, and learn critical skills necessary to work within the distance environment

The Course:

This is an intense five-weeks course that intends to introduce you to the techniques and strategies for teaching online and to help you master the skills needed for a successful online teaching experience. **The greatest factor in the success of students is still a dedicated and well-trained teacher.** This professional development training is directly correlated to the successes of your students.

As a part of this opportunity, you are going to master skills for centering students whom you may never meet in a face-to-face setting. You will learn to provide feedback and recognize student needs without visual cues. Through observation and modeling, you will learn and experience communication with students using technology as the primary tool. You will learn interactive strategies, which are key to student success in the online environment.

While you are preparing yourself for the role as a web-based teacher, you will

