



Special Learning Opportunities for Those Who Teach in the Online Learning Environment

Enhance Your Online Facilitator Skills

PBS TeacherLine now offers professional development and training for educators who currently teach online courses or plan to teach online. This training is a terrific skill- and career-builder for:

- Educators who are already teaching online but have never had formal facilitator training.
- Educators who are interested in becoming online teachers or who may have recently been tapped to teach online in their district or university.
- Anybody involved in online training or distance education, including those training in corporate and non-profit environments.

Specialized Training for Successful Online Teaching

PBS TeacherLine is an award-winning provider of online professional development for K-12 teachers, coaches, and instructional leaders. Our new Online Facilitator Training course leverages our unique strength in successful online learning and makes this wealth of insight and expertise available to you and anyone with an interest in online teaching. This new field-tested online course covers:

- The work of well-respected experts in online pedagogy, including the Concord Consortium, Palloff & Pratt, and others.
- Effective delivery of “scheduled asynchronous” online instruction.
- New “tone” and “voice” considerations for crafting rubric-based feedback and effective online communication.
- Structuring and maximizing meaningful discussion participation.
- Community-building for online course participants.

Be more **effective**



Online Facilitator Training I: Mastering the Skills of Online Teaching

This new graduate-level course has been developed for classroom teachers in grades 9–12, university faculty, pre-service teachers, and anyone with a special interest in online teaching. In this course, you’ll blend theory and real-world practice...the skills you learn and develop will build your confidence and competence as an effective online teacher. Plus, you’ll have the opportunity to earn graduate or continuing education credit and recertification points, in just six weeks.

“ I now feel like I have a better understanding of my role and what it really means to be a guide on the side. I am extremely excited about the possibility of teaching an online class and feel like this class ... really helped me feel like I can be good at it. I have never doubted the technical side of the teaching, but now I feel like I have a better understanding of the philosophy behind it. ”

Tony Victory
Educational Technology Coordinator
Kingman Unified School District
Kingman, AZ



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About the Course

Online Facilitator Training I is a course designed for classroom teachers in grades 9–12, university faculty, pre-service teachers, and anyone preparing to teach in the online environment.

This 45-hour graduate-level course covers the many roles of an online educator/facilitator, including managerial, technical, social, and pedagogical skills. From providing formative feedback and technical guidance to building community and communicating “from the side,” to encourage collaborative learning, this course will formally introduce you to teaching online.

Research-based articles, discussion, collaborative projects, and work in the Facilitator Training Lab, a simulation environment, give all learners the opportunity to practice and refine their online instructional skills. A case study serves as the final project.

Learners must have access to a computer word processing program, Internet, e-mail, and Adobe Reader (free download at <http://www.adobe.com>). The course is taught in the widely used Desire2Learn platform. Skills learned are applicable to any discussion board based course management system.

The Prerequisites:

- Previous computer experience.
- Experience using the Internet including opening and navigating among multiple browser windows.
- Familiarity with taking online courses or completion of the PBS “Practice Learning Online with PBS TeacherLine” course.
- Ability to share thoughts and experiences through text.
- Self-directed learning skills, including meeting deadlines and asking for help as appropriate.

Facilitators & Developers

This course has been co-developed by PBS TeacherLine and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). The course is facilitated by trained, experienced online educators who have achieved a strong track record of success in teaching online, building online learning communities, and achieving satisfactory course completion rates.

Graduate Credit Options

Graduate credits are available through Adams State College and Indiana University.

Course Syllabus and Schedule

A complete course syllabus and schedule is available online now at www.pbs.org/teacherline.

“What I liked most about the course was the wonderful collaboration that evolved, the fantastic resources, the physical layout of the online course and its components, and the supportive manner of the facilitator.”

Elizabeth Lee

*Associate Dean, Baton Rouge Community College
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800-572-6386.**