Education Programs

Online Learning and Teaching Graduate Diploma

Location Offered:
Online
Credential:
Graduate Diploma
Program Length:
2 Years

The Program

The Graduate Diploma in Online Learning and Teaching is designed to provide educators, instructors, and teachers in BC and beyond with a solid foundation in the pedagogical and technical expertise required to effectively use technology to support effective distributed learning in technology-mediated environments. Students enrolled in the program will gain insight into approaches and methodologies that advance the distributed learning experience for both the learner and the facilitator/teacher.

Graduates of the Online Learning and Teaching Graduate Diploma program may apply to the Master of Education in Educational Leadership degree program with advanced standing. Please contact the Program Coordinator, Mary O'Neill, at 250-753-3245, local 2550 for more information on the Masters laddering option.

Online Learning and Teaching Graduate Diploma - Program requirements prior to August 2015

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
Fall Semester	
OLTD 501 - (Introduction to Online Learning - Competencies and Environments)	3
OLTD 512 - (Instructional Design)	3
Spring Semester	
OLTD 503 - (Online Communication)	3
OLTD 504 - (Learning Systems)	3
Intersession Semester	
OLTD 502 - (Digital Learning Continuum)	3
Total Credits	15

Year 2	Credits
Fall Semester	
OLTD 508 - (Mobile Learning and Gaming)	3
OLTD 511 - (Special Topics: Blended Learning)	3
Spring Semester	
OLTD 509 - (Emergent Environments and Technologies)	3
OLTD 506 - (Special Topics - Social Media)	3
Intersession Semester	
OLTD 510 - (Capstone Learnings)	3
Total Credits	15
Total Program Credits	30

Note: *The Graduate Diploma in Online Learning and Teaching (OLTD) program is cohort-based and offered in a totally online environment using synchronous and asynchronous delivery.*

Admission Requirements

- Completion of either a Bachelor of Education degree, or a prior degree in another discipline with current teaching experience.

Flexible Admission

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be admitted with lower formal qualifications when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship. The objective of flexible admission is to recognize prior learning accomplishments and to ensure a high probability of successful program completion. Applicants must show evidence of having sufficient knowledge, skills, and attitudes to complete a demanding academic course of study. Applicants seeking Flexible Admission will be required to:

- Provide a personal statement of intent;
- Provide a detailed résumé;
- Provide two or more letters of reference;
- Provide official transcripts of all post-secondary coursework;

In limited cases, applicants may also be required to:

- Provide a portfolio containing evidence of applicable prior learning;
- Appear for an interview;
- Take a qualifying course; and/or
- Provide additional documentation as may be required to adjudicate the application.

Notes on Admission

Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.

Transfer from other institutions

Applicants may apply to the Dean for possible transfer credits from other accredited graduate programs

Career Opportunities

Online learning is expanding rapidly in BC and beyond. School districts, post-secondary institutions, training colleges, and other educational institutions are challenged to find qualified teachers/instructors to meet this demand and to meet the Ministry of Education's requirement that distributed learning teachers be appropriately qualified.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in September and applications are accepted throughout the year. Applications are reviewed annually on May 31.

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