

Distance Education Certified Trainer Program

Overview

The Distance Education Certified Trainer Program is a 5-month professional program offered completely online. The program's goal is to enable instructional designers and distance learning administrative staff to better prepare the faculty and staff with whom they work.

Intended Participants

The Program has been specifically developed for instructional designers, administrative staff, and faculty in higher education who are responsible for training faculty and others to teach online. The program may also be applicable for those working in other institutional, governmental and business environments.

Course Leadership

The program, offered by the State University of West Georgia, is a learner-centered course based on researched techniques and proven methodologies. Course modules will be led by instructors, researchers, and administrators experienced and recognized in training and preparing distance faculty. Course participants will also be able to expand their current knowledge through interaction with other participants currently practicing in the field.

Program Content

The certificate program comprises nine online modules. Each module lasts 2-3 weeks and will incorporate conceptual knowledge into practical learning experience. After completing the program you will:

- understand the fundamentals of instructional design and online course development and know how to teach these skills to others
- be able to plan, develop, and implement complete, effective training programs for online teaching faculty
- understand the foundations and trends of distance education, and the implications for higher education
- understand the advantages and disadvantages of the latest distance learning technologies
- be able to apply innovative techniques for getting faculty to attend, participate in, and collaborate in distance training programs
- be more responsive to faculty concerns about distance education, including governance and academic freedom, barriers to online teaching, and assessment

Technical Requirements

- ❖ Windows 98/Me/2000XP or Macintosh OS 9.x or better
- ❖ 64 MB of RAM
- ❖ a 56.6kbps modem

- ❖ Sound card and speakers
- ❖ Netscape 6.2 or higher, or Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher (java-enabled)
- ❖ Free software plug-ins such as QuickTime

Course Calendar

Registration Opens: November 5, 2006
Registration Deadline: January 19, 2007
Program Begins: January 29, 2007
Graduation: July 2007

Cost

Tuition for the course is \$ 695, and includes course materials, access to the on-line classroom, and a certificate upon graduation.

Other Programs

The State University of West Georgia also offers a general Distance Education Certificate Program. This online program, which has been offered since 1997, provides a general overview of a multitude of issues in distance education, and is designed to prepare instructors, administrators, and managers for leadership roles in distance learning.

For More Information

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