Teaching Online:
Tips & Tools

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Module Summary

This training tool is a self paced module to assist the user in increasing their understanding about the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals, Early Educator Certification and tips and tools for providing learning opportunities for adults online.

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Institute Overview

North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals

- Non-profit with mission to advocate for and develop a comprehensive early childhood professional development system
  - Organizational Governance – Institute Board
  - EEC Policies - Education, Compensation & Recognition Advisory Committee
  - Task Groups & Committees
  - Partner participation
  - Hundreds of volunteers annually
  - Thousands in E-network
  - Services
  - Systems development, outreach, trainings/webinars, resources & NC Early Educator Certification (EEC)

Early Educator Certification (EEC) Overview

- EEC is acknowledgement of an individual's verified level of educational achievement, based on a standardized scale.

- EEC is field wide.

- EEC is required by law for those teaching in or administering licensed early care and education and school age programs.

EEC Basics

▶ Application + official transcripts assessed against leveled scale

  ▶ http://ncicdp.org/certification-licensure/eec-overview/)

    ◦ Currently available:

      • Early Care and Education Professional Scale

      • School Age Professional Scale

      • Adult Educator Endorsement

      • In 2012….Administrator's Endorsement

▶ No test & doesn't replace teacher licensure

▶ Expires in 3 or 5 years

▶ EEC Rewards

When to Teach Online

Step 1

Identify what technology you need and where it would best serve the overall teaching goals, methods, or strategies.

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Step 2

Determine if your audience has the skills to learn online.

Explore!

http://www.distancelearn.org/readyDL.cfm

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Step 3

If technology is a good fit for this session, determine learner needs.

Explore!

Differentiated Instruction

http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/6672

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Step 4

Share technology requirements and pre-requisites before the session begins

(at registration or before).

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Step 5

Collect sources and contact information for technical assistance for distance learners – before the session begins.

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Step 5
Build active, engaging learning opportunities.

Explore!
http://www.cites.illinois.edu/reference/pedagogy/index.html

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10 Best Practices for Teaching Online

Best practice 1   Be present at the course site.

Best practice 2   Create a supportive online course community.

Best practice 3   Develop a set of explicit expectations for your learners and yourself as to how you will communicate and how much time students should be working on the course each week.

Best practice 4   Use a variety of large group, small group, and individual work experiences.

Best practice 5   Use synchronous and asynchronous activities.

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Best practice 6   Ask for informal feedback early in the term.

Best practice 7   Prepare discussion posts that invite responses, questions, discussions, and reflections.

Best practice 8   Search out and use content resources that are available in digital format if possible.

Best practice 9   Combine core concept learning with customized and personalized learning.

Best practice 10   Plan a good closing and wrap activity for the course.

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Read More!

http://www.ncicdp.org/documents/Ten%20Best%20Practices%20for%20Beginning%20Online%20Teaching.pdf

Popular Software for Teaching Online

Moodle: www.moodle.org

- A Course Management System (CMS), also known as a Learning Management System (LMS) or a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).
- Free web application that educators can use to create effective online learning sites.
- Take a course: http://www.learnnc.org/courses/course.php?id=moodletraining

BlackBoard: www.blackboard.com

- **Online teaching platform**
- **Visit Blackboard Learn:**
  http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Learn/Overview.aspx

Continuing Education Library

Explore!

http://ncicdp.org/continuing-education/continuing-education-library-cel-2/

- Adult learning tools,
- Online learning tools,
- Online teaching tools,
- CEU Development & Review Tool and
- More!

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