

Teaching and Leading in a Virtual Classroom

Teaching and Leading in a Virtual Classroom provides the tools and skills necessary to deliver instruction in a web-based environment. You will consider different kinds of online environments, asynchronous and synchronous forms of communication, approaches to online collaboration, assessment of student participation and projects, and more.

In this intensive 5 week CoP you will work with me to maximize the full online instruction has to offer you and your students. Join us and acquire the knowledge and skills you need to extend your classroom instruction into the virtual age!

CoP Highlights:

CoP led by Walter
Cutting Edge Topic
Blackboard Functionality
Weekly Live Office Hours
50 Participants Maximum
Web-Based Resources
24/7 Course Access
Flexible Schedule
Make It and Take It Project
Priced for Educators

Community of Practice Led by Walter McKenzie



The CoP is led by Walter McKenzie, veteran online educator who has written and led courses for Classroom Connect's Connected University, Pepperdine University's Graduate Online Degree program, and PBS TeacherLine. Walter has served as a judge for online project contests and has developed a number of original online projects including the elditarod project and National CyberConvention.

Each week you will work with Walter to complete course readings, participate in online discussion based on those readings, and complete assignments which build towards a final project: your own original virtual field trip ready to implement in the classroom.

CoP registration is \$100.00 for the year, allowing you to take as many different CoPs as you wish. Upon successful completion of the course each participant will receive a certificate for 40 seat hours of classwork.

Register online at
<http://surfaquarium.com/CoP/>

Learner Testimonials

"My first goal in asking to join this course was to just give myself the time to explore the area of MI in more depth. I have been an MI groupie for years, but felt that there was "more". And indeed there is. Thanks for a great opportunity, Walter. You have built an amazing course!"

-Ellen H.S. - Israel

"I think every teacher in America should take your course! It's that important!"

-Deb M. - Pennsylvania

"I have been blown away by the efficiency of the course and material covered. I cannot wait to read, learn and share with my colleagues when I return to school. Walter is awesome!"

-Sheryl G. - South Africa

"We here in Egypt admire your effort in conducting this course and we tell you "Keep going." My supervisors respect you very much. They say that you respect your learners, and you deserve all their respect. Your course benefits me a lot in my M.A. work, not only from the weekly readings but also from sharing with classmates. It is the first experience for me to take a course online and it has been a good and successful one."

Amira A. - Egypt

"This course is well organized, concise and to the point. Walter has a good online presence. Participants know he is there with them."

-Ellen D. - Nova Scotia

What can I expect from Walter?

As a veteran online course facilitator, you can expect Walter to plan for an exceptional learning experience in this CoP. In addition, Walter will provide the following during the five weeks of the class:

Daily presence in the CoP

Daily access via email

Weekly office hours

A weekly overview letter

A weekly suggested pacing

Engaging discussion and probing questioning

Personalized input and feedback

What does Walter expect from me?

Walter's ultimate goal for you is to create a practical, ready-to-use project, based on your interests and learning experiences. As a CoP participant, Walter will expect you to:

Complete weekly assignments

Login to the CoP at least twice a week

Interact online

Create a final project

Walter's Online Teaching Credentials

Walter has been creating, teaching and leading, postgraduate professional development online since 1998. As a member of the first class of Guides trained for Connected University, he learned to cultivate online learning communities from the ground up, writing courses, leading classes, and becoming the lead trainer of all new faculty at Connected University. As the online institution grew, Walter was named a department chair, and he continued to teach and lead colleagues online.

As part of his certification to be Guide trainer, Walter attained certification as an adjunct for Pepperdine University, a pioneer in online learning for educators. In addition he has written courses for PBS Teacherline and presented at conferences and schools around the nation.

Walter's Online Resume:
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The Surfaquarium Digital Community Of Practice



Acquire the necessary skills to deliver online instruction effectively and successfully! This intensive five week CoP offers methods and strategies for teaching online, based on Walter's extensive experience!

Build your own Blackboard course as you learn!

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