

OLTD 503 - Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to help you come to understand issues associated with online communication. This is a key core course in the OLTD program, because good communication skills are necessary to ensure a positive e-learning experience--not just for your future learners, but for yourself as an online teacher, colleague and collaborator.

The robust readings for this course will enrich our discussions and will help you gain a broader theoretical perspective of what it means to communicate online. This will complement the experiential learning you acquire as you plan, facilitate and reflect on your experience as a seminar leader. Topics for learner-led discussions will include in-depth analysis of theories related to online communication and online community building.

In particular we will cover the following OLTD program learning outcomes:

Students will:

- Become familiar with common terms, definitions and elements related to online environments
- Demonstrate basic competency with design and implementation within a variety of online learning environments and tools
- Plan learning opportunities most suitable to the strengths and challenges of a variety of environments
- Develop and design intentional learning activities suitable for the appropriate environment and the learner
- Select strategies and resources appropriate for environment, learners and learning outcomes
- Design inclusive learning environments
- Share engagement strategies and tips
- Undertake engagement with environments through online facilitation for effective learning
- Moderation and mediation
- Understand how to build rapport and manage groups
- Engage in building learning communities and communities of practice
- Critically assess and evaluate resources for best practice in online learning
- Consider responsibility, accountability and civility in online environments
- Examine current research around best practices and emerging practices