

E-Teacher Scholarship Program 2012-13

Introduction To Online Learning for EFL Educators

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The Office of English Language Programs of the U.S. State Department is offering an online teacher training "short course" for eligible candidates. This course is 5 weeks long. It is intended for English as a Foreign Language (EFL) educators who are new to online learning. Successful alums of this course will be eligible to apply for a 10-week E-Teacher course in the following academic year.

Course Description

The goal of this course is to develop participants' knowledge and skills with the following tools and types of resources toward the goal of becoming prepared for future online 10-week EFL teacher training courses. Final topics will be determined based on a pre-course needs assessment but will be EFL-oriented whenever possible with a focus on the following.

- Email (e.g., netiquette, academic discourse, subject lines, signatures, greetings, closings, CC vs. BCC, attachments.).
- File management (e.g., creating new files, saving/naming, downloads, uploads) with a focus on MS Word, Excel, PDF and web-based files.
- Web: searches, saves, evaluating resources, sources for learning about intellectual property and citation.
- Leading and taking part in online asynchronous discussions (e.g., netiquette, academic discourse, quoting others, building communities of practice). Join and post to the E-Teacher Ning.
- Setting up a Skype account and taking part in a synchronous discussion.

Requirements

Candidates should be highly motivated in-service EFL educators, teacher trainers or ministry officials who are both dedicated to their own professional development and willing to share their knowledge with colleagues. They should be able to do academic work at a U.S. university level (a high intermediate to advanced level of reading and writing, approximately equivalent to a TOEFL score of 525). Candidates should also have access 4-5 times per week minimum to reliable computers with high-speed Internet connectivity.

Candidates will be nominated by U.S. embassies and selected in a competitive process. Interested candidates should contact the Regional English Language Officer or Cultural Affairs Officer at the nearest U.S. embassy. For an online list, see: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>.