



Online: Professional Development for Educators Certificate



Part of being an effective educator is being able to respond quickly and efficiently to society's shifting challenges and needs. This has never been truer than today. As educators around the world seek to incorporate technology into lesson delivery and re-evaluate best practices in the face of future outcomes, investing in professional development has never been timelier.

Educators are constantly being asked to change and adapt to different learning styles and classroom management. This online program will allow you to step out of your normal routine and experience life as a student. Explore relevant issues in education today and complete an engaging simulation component. You will enhance your teaching skills, which will help you become a better educator. Investing in your professional development is always beneficial.

How it works

We have taken the most critical parts of our longer training program to design six intensive courses and packaged them into a new online program

Gives you the flexibility to invest as much or as little time as you want, depending on your workload or other commitments.

The knowledge and skills you will gain in these exciting courses will serve you well.

Choose to take one course or complete all six and receive a discount.

Complete all six courses and receive a certificate of completion from Thompson Rivers University.

All our online programs are offered live and in real time with one of our certified language instructors. You will have designated class time to meet with your instructor and classmates.

Study with TRU

For over 25 years, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) has been delivering customized training programs of the highest calibre, earning us worldwide recognition. Our intensive, short-term programs are strategically balanced to maximize learning opportunities while allowing participants enough time to gain an appreciation of Canadian culture and participate in carefully selected activities. The result is a rich and rewarding experience that will last a lifetime.



TRU Campus, located in the heart of Kamloops

Course descriptions

DEVELOPMENTS IN METHODOLOGY: This course begins with a brief survey of current trends and recent advancements in language acquisition. While the main focus will be on face-to-face delivery, attention will also be given to the opportunities and challenges that have accompanied the shift to virtual instruction.

ENGLISH ESSENTIALS: Error identification and error reduction are the main focus of the lessons in this course, enabling you to model Standard English in the classroom with greater accuracy. You will have time to make notes about the techniques employed by our instructional team. This ensures everyone will have an extensive collection of fresh ideas.

MICROTEACHING: This is the part of the program where you will get to roll up your sleeves and take your classroom presentations skills to a whole new level. Microteaching is based on the premise that you will plan, prepare and deliver mini lessons to showcase specific strategies and/or techniques.

ISSUES IN EDUCATION TODAY: By exploring a collection of case studies, you will work with your classmates to identify problems, examine constraints and seek to identify the best possible outcome for all who are involved. You will take turns leading discussions and submit reflective writing pieces.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM: By participating in a series of hands-on workshops, you will be able to develop and expand your skills with state-of-the-art education technology and applications, many of which are free and available worldwide.

SIMULATION COMPONENT: Research shows simulations can be highly effective and engaging learning experiences. Working in pairs, you and your partner will choose an issue in education that is relevant and prepare as if you were making a poster presentation for a conference. This is always a popular project with our learners!

What you will gain

- Certificate upon completion
- Increased communication skills in English
- Increased knowledge of current teaching methodology
- Better understanding of intercultural communication



What you will need

- Computer or laptop. Cell phones and tablets are not recommended
- Reliable internet connection
- Positive attitude and willingness to learn
- CEFR level B1 or higher, IELTS 4.5 or higher and TOEFL 42 or higher or Duolingo 60

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS CERTIFICATE: SIX COURSE OPTIONS



COURSE FEES:

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