

## Overview of Online Instruction

The Overview of Online Instruction course is an introduction to online instruction for the purpose of providing a quality education in a distance setting. As an overview, a number of typical issues relevant to those who instruct in this environment are addressed. Participants will actively discuss topics related to online instruction, learning, facilitation, design, and adaptation to the online environment. Quality online courses connect participants to the resources that lead to construction of knowledge and problem solving for real--world tasks.

By completing the course assignments, participants will be able to:

- Identify a topic and learning objectives for an online course module or lesson plan.
- Describe online assessment tasks that are aligned to measurable course learning objectives.
- Create engaging questions for an online discussion forum to promote critical thinking and interaction.
- Explain how meaningful and substantive feedback to classmates can be facilitated during an online discussion.
- Determine how instructor feedback can effectively be provided during and after an online discussion.
- Describe an online activity that incorporates learning principles.
- Determine how meaningful instructor feedback on online assessments can be provided to students.
- Create an online lesson plan that incorporates multimedia and microlearning techniques (or existing reusable content) into their instruction.
- Identify accessibility design considerations for their own online instruction.
- Describe copyright considerations for their own online instruction. Interact with classmates and the instructor in the discussion forums.
- Discuss issues and trends related to online education.