Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning

Distance Education Program

Offered by the College of Extended Learning

This program is 100% online.

Testimonials

I feel fully prepared to create and teach quality online courses.
--OTL Graduate Spring, 2011

The program prepared me in many ways. I learned how to create an online community, design an online class, assess and evaluate students and courses, and utilize new technology tools.
--OTL Graduate, Spring 2011

The instructors of OTL were awesome! They were always available to help guide my learning, happy to help me, and so supportive. I learned so much with this program.
--OTL Graduate, Spring 2011

Accreditation

New Mexico State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

For more information, contact:

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Program of Study
The Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning (OTL) is for professionals in business, government, education, or other settings who want to develop their knowledge and skills in online teaching and learning. Prime candidates for the OTL program are individuals with a desire to explore online teaching and learning techniques and have a willingness to engage in collaborative learning environments.

This program should help individuals develop:
• proficiency in fostering online learning communities,
• skills in online teaching,
• knowledge of successful assessment & evaluation strategies,
• technology skills for online teaching & learning,
• a foundation of theoretical & practical information.

Required Courses
The five 3-credit course sequence provides immersion in a dynamic online environment and culminates in an online simulated teaching practicum. The following courses can be taken in a one or two-year degree plan.
• CEL 560 Fostering Online Learning Communities
• CEL 570 Designing & Organizing Online Learning Environments
• CEL 580* Tools & Techniques for Online Teaching
• CEL 590 Assessing & Evaluating Online Teaching & Learning
• CEL 595 Online Teaching Practicum
  * Students can substitute CEL 581 for this course.

Note: Students will consult with a CEL advisor on the OTL program. This is not a teaching license or an endorsement.

Admission Requirements
Before seeking admission to the OTL program, you must:
• have a Bachelors Degree or equivalent,
• have a need and/or strong interest in becoming skilled in online education,
• already be admitted to NMSU & the NMSU Graduate School or in the process of being admitted.

For students who are already admitted to a graduate program, you must declare a second major by completing the Change of Major Request form and returning it to the graduate school.

Costs
Current tuition costs and fees can be accessed at NMSU Accounts Receivable - http://bit.ly/nmsu_tuition
Note: There is a one-time NMSU enrollment fee, a graduate school admission fee, and a per credit hour distance education fee.

Instructional Delivery
The OTL program is delivered online via learning management, web-conferencing, and emerging technologies. Orientation sessions are held at the start of every semester. These sessions are recorded, archived, and available for delayed viewing.

Our program is unique in its ability to offer a curriculum rooted in cutting-edge technologies while still maintaining an affordable tuition.

Application and Acceptance
Apply online at: http://extended.nmsu.edu/academics/otl/apply/
Acceptance to the program will be based on:
• A review of your completed OTL Application form.
  A College of Extended Learning advisor will contact you via email regarding your status.
• Successful admission to the NMSU Graduate School.
  The Graduate School will send you a letter informing you of your status.

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