

# **Leading Edge Certification for the Online and Blended Teacher Kick-Off Event**

# What is the schedule for the days training?

08:15 - 09:00	<ul> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Log into LMS</li> <li>Log into Google</li> <li>Access Participant Agenda</li> <li>Fill out Connections Form</li> <li>Survey Group on distance learning and online learning</li> <li>Norms</li> </ul>
09:00 - 10:00	Getting to Know You Activity (Google Presentation)  • Facilitator Share  • Initial Discussion Post - Experience with Online Learning
10:00 - 10:15	Overview: Leading Edge Certification  Overview of the four certifications and the evolution of the curriculum
10:15 - 10:40	Syllabus  Course Overview Communication Course Expectation Overview of Modules
10:40 - 10:50	Coffee break
10:50 - 11:05	Learning Management System Overview



	<ul> <li>Navigation</li> <li>Course Content (Textbook)</li> <li>Community Space</li> </ul>
11:05 - 12:30	Review Module  o page 7 take online self-assessment o Respond to Reflection 1.2 o Add and/or respond to discussion in Water Cooler
12:30 - 13:15 (12:30-1:15)	Lunch
13:15 - 13:30 (1:15 - 1:30	Picture This (Google Drawings)  • Create a collaborative mura
13:30-13:45 (2:45-2:55)	Course Requirements  Readings  Discussions and Rubrics  Activities and Rubrics  Reflections and Rubrics  Final Portfolio and Rubric
13:45 - 15:15	Module 2: History of Online and Blended Learning  Skim through Course Content  Read and respond to Discussion 2.1  Informal Coffee break
15:15-16:00	Closure

# Post Kick-Off Schedule:

Week 2: Pedagogy

Week 3: Building Community

Week 4: Online Learning and Accessibility

Week 5: Online Assessment and Evaluation

Week 6: Policies and Preparation Week 7: Summation and Closure

Week 8: Leading Edge Certification Portfolio Submission and Peer Review



## Why become a Leading Edge Certified Online and Blended Teacher?

Leading Edge Certification for the Online and Blended Teacher will empower you with 21st century skills and project-based approaches to teaching in an anytime/anywhere learning environment. Whether you are a classroom teacher or teach 100% online, certification will provide you with the skills necessary to be on the *leading edge* of pedagogical practices in the 21st century allowing you to create engaging, authentic, and innovative learning experiences for your students. Being certified will provide assurance to your employer that you are an innovative educator with the skills necessary to serve a diverse student population.

#### Program overview

Launched in 2011, Online & Blended Teacher Certification guides educators through a curriculum based on the iNACOL National Standards for Online Teaching. Upon successful completion, the certification will give schools, districts and other prospective employers assurance that Leading Edge Certified Online & Blended Teachers not only have the skills to effectively facilitate online and blended courses, but also have a solid understanding of how to enhance the learning opportunities for all students enrolled in their courses.

## What is the certification process?

The Certification process involves a kick-off face-to-face meeting and 8-weeks of online coursework which equate to 40-60 hours of readings, videos, and project development. Certification is offered after completing a digital portfolio demonstrating mastery of the online and blended teaching and learning. The portfolio is reviewed by a peer and two certified trainers. Once certification is earned, you will be receive a certificate, a digital badge to display on your communication tools (ie., email signatures, website, etc.), and access to the Leading Edge Certification online community of professional educators.

## Reasons to take the Leading Edge Certification course with AppsEvents

Leading Edge Certification course is a competency-based course assisting educators in creating a collaborative and project-based learning environment. By taking this course with AppsEvents you will learn and apply ways you can use Google Apps in an Online and Blended course along with several other Web 2.0 tools. Since AppsEvents have been globally coordinating Google Summits, facilitators can assist in many diverse implementations of Google Apps, both in the classroom and in fully online course.

## How do I register for the training?

For further info or any registration inquiries, please contact Jason Borgen

#### What are the dates and locations for the training?

We hold the course on a regular basis together with International Schools worldwide. To check



the current dates please check out <a href="www.appsevents.com">www.appsevents.com</a>. The course kicks-off with a face-to-face meeting to assist you in navigating the rigor of the course work and to physically meet with your fellow course participants and facilitator(s). The remainder of the course is completed asynchronously, for eight weeks.

Don't see a date or location that works for you? We would also be delighted to host a course at your school or college. This also works great for you as normally we open the event to educators from other schools in the area so it helps establish your institution as a 'Google Apps school'. We also have the option of running an extended 2-day event.

#### Who is the course suitable for?

- Online Educators
- Classroom Teachers
- Professors of teacher certification programs
- Educational leaders

#### Where can I find more information?

- Leading Edge Certification Home Page
- Leading Edge Certification TICAL

#### Tasks to complete before the course

- Have access to a Google account
- Have some familiarity with an online course
- Be self-determined

#### **About AppsEvents**

AppsEvents is a Google Apps for Education partner and the organiser of Google in Education Summits worldwide in partnership with Google in Education. Our staff has many years Google Apps experience and are all Google Apps Certified Deployment Specialists and Google Education Trainers. You can find more information at <a href="https://www.appsevents.com">www.appsevents.com</a>

#### About TICAL

#### TICAL's mission:

Helping K-12 educational leaders provide informed and effective leadership in the use of technology to improve education. Learn more.

