



Learning Beyond the Classroom: Experiential Education in Action

Course Syllabus

Course Description

This is a 3-credit course designed to empower educators with the skills to create and implement experiential learning opportunities that extend beyond traditional classroom settings.

Participants will explore the principles and theories of experiential education, learn to design and facilitate hands-on learning experiences, and develop strategies for integrating these opportunities across various disciplines. The course emphasizes the importance of student reflection, critical thinking, and the evaluation of experiential learning's impact, ensuring that educators can effectively bridge the gap between theory and practice.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in designing and facilitating experiential learning opportunities that promote critical thinking, reflection, and real-world application across disciplines.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Explain the foundational principles, theories, and benefits of experiential education and articulate its relevance to modern teaching practices.
2. Develop structured experiential learning activities that align with curriculum goals and foster meaningful engagement.
3. Demonstrate effective facilitation techniques that promote active participation and adapt to diverse student needs in experiential settings.
4. Create interdisciplinary lesson plans that integrate experiential learning strategies across multiple subject areas.
5. Design and implement reflective practices that encourage critical thinking and self-assessment among students.
6. Apply formative and summative assessment methods to measure the impact and effectiveness of experiential learning activities.
7. Identify and address common challenges in experiential learning implementation, including logistical and institutional barriers.
8. Develop a comprehensive action plan for implementing and sustaining experiential learning programs in diverse educational settings.

Modules

- Module 1: Foundations of Experiential Education, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Designing Experiential Learning Experiences, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Facilitating Hands-On Learning, Quiz 3



- Module 4: Cross-Disciplinary Integration, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Reflection and Critical Thinking, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Assessment and Evaluation of Experiential Learning, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Overcoming Challenges in Experiential Learning, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Action Plan and Implementation, Quiz 8

Grading

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.