Welcome to

AHED 735: Instructional Strategies for Adult Education

Fall 2017

Dear Distance Student:

This online course provides an introduction to a systematic approach to instructional design. The ADDIE approach is the best known model for instructional design. This model can be used to prepare instruction for adults, whether in a higher education, business/industry, or a non-profit setting. We will also cover instructional strategies that can be useful in the classroom, such as leading discussions, teaching diverse students, collaborative learning, and enhancing student motivation. You will complete an actual instructional project.

The textbooks for this course are:


Textbooks are available at the USD Barnes & Noble bookstore. You can purchase them in person or contact them at bn@usd.edu to place your order. Their website address is http://usd.bncollege.com. They can also be reached at 605-677-6291. They will need to know the course number and name. Mail orders are shipped UPS and should arrive within three days. If you do not receive your books within 5 days of the beginning of the course please let me know.

We will use Desire2Learn for the majority of our discussions. D2L can be reached at https://d2l.sdbor.edu which you will use to submit all coursework and access your grade information. The instructor reads her email each day Monday through Friday; she does not always read email on the weekend. She will answer questions within 48 hours.
We will also have two live discussions through Blackboard Collaborate on Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:00 pm Central Time and Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:00 pm Central Time. You will need to have a PC with an Internet connection and speakers. A microphone is helpful but not essential. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, they will be recorded so that you can view them at your convenience.

Once you enter the course please review the Home page and the Syllabus. Additional information appears in the Content area. Please introduce yourself to the rest of the class in the Discussions area.

Typical time requirements for this course per week are:

- 3 hours readings  
- At least 2 hours participating actively each week in D2L discussion  
- 2 hours for each Blackboard Collaborate session  
- Plus time as needed for assignments

You should schedule time weekly for active participation.

The instructor answers email, M-F, within 48 hours. She returns papers with comments and a grade within two weeks in the Dropbox. If you wish to meet with the instructor, please make an appointment by email. She is available in person, by phone, or through Blackboard Collaborate.

For information about USD’s technical, academic, and student support services, as well as how to take advantage of these services, please refer to the CE Online Student Orientation at http://www.usd.edu/-/media/files/usd-online/online-orientation-guide.ashx as this document contains important information pertaining to minimum technology requirements and registration information, as well as other university services and policies.

If you have questions prior to the course, feel free to contact me by email at Susan.Santo@usd.edu. I look forward to having you as students this fall!

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