Next Gen Teaching Series

Overview

The Next Gen Teaching Series is focused on the fundamentals of designing high quality online learning experiences aligned to essential topics to launch learning in any course. Over 30,000 people have taken these courses and they continue to evolve with new resources and examples.

These online educator courses are one week long; approximately 3-5 hours of engagement; and asynchronous. Course work is completed on your own schedule and is participant driven. Each course is expertly facilitated by WGU and includes resources and examples of real teacher and student work where applicable, along with application activities and interactive discussion spaces.

Courses

1. Overview of Designing for Online Learning
2. Assessment
3. Learning Experience Design
4. Student Agency

Essential questions tackled in the courses include the following:

- What does great learning look like in online spaces?
- How might teachers design for community, connection, and student support in online spaces?
- How might teachers design learning experiences that are easy to navigate, intuitive, and interactive?
- How might students demonstrate and provide evidence of their learning in online spaces?
- How might teachers collaborate with one another in online spaces?

Timing

The courses are offered consecutively over a four-week period in district-based cohorts of up to 100 participants per cohort. The first cohorts will be tentatively offered in September 2020.

Cost

Each course is $100.00, with a potential bulk discount for larger groups.

Future Offerings

Within fiscal year 2021, WGU will offer a micro-credential for the successful completion of an evaluated performance assessment. Additional targeted audiences include K-12 Leaders and Higher Education practitioners.

Ultimately, this program will offer a pathway for credit transfer to the following WGU degrees:

- Master of Science, Learning Experience Design
- Master of Science, Educational Leadership
- Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction