

Online Professional Development Course from the Learning Curve

Optional Offering for the Full-time Faculty:

Teachers, Counselors, and Administrators

January 25 - May 14, 2010 (+ 2 follow up meetings at Diman)

Integrating Moodle into Your Teaching is The Learning Curve's signature course designed to help teachers develop their own Moodle course sites. Its focus is online pedagogies that teachers can apply in order to answer the essential question, "What can we achieve online that we cannot achieve as well or as fully in a more traditional classroom environment?" To respond to that question, participating teachers study, discuss, and apply proven online pedagogies designed to improve individualized instruction, to provide intensive collaborative learning experiences, to provide additional opportunities for teachers to mentor their students, and to provide better opportunities for school-home communication. This course includes a customized Moodle site for each participant's school for one year plus ongoing support for the entire year. Romeo Marquis and Deborah Donohue, instructors . See <http://www.thelearningcurve.org/> for more information.

Cost-free options available to you for taking this online course.

1. Audit the course for 36 PDPs (36 hour course)

Audit means that you have access to all course materials. During the course, your primary function is to develop your own Moodle course site on the Diman Moodle. Your course will be reviewed by an administrator and/or Learning Curve Director. You will receive PDPs if you complete the required components. In addition to the course requirements, you are committing to attend two meetings at Diman in May/June to plan the roll out of Moodle at Diman in the summer of 2010. You will be compensated for these meetings at the teacher hourly rate.

2. Complete the course for three Graduate Credits (67.5 PDPs)

During the course, your primary function is to develop your own Moodle course site on the Diman Moodle. You will receive 3 graduate credits from Framingham State University for completing the required components. The graduate credit fees will be paid by Diman. If you do not complete all of the course requirements, you will be responsible for reimbursing the \$550 fee to Diman. In addition to the course requirements, you are committing to attend two meetings at Diman in May/June to plan the roll out of Moodle at Diman in the summer of 2010. You will be compensated for these meetings at the teacher hourly rate.

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_____ Option #1 Audited Course + 2 planning meetings at Diman

_____ Option #2 Graduate Course + 2 planning meetings at Diman

If you take this course, you will not be required to develop curriculum for an online course online. After the course is completed, we will be asking the faculty to apply to develop curriculum for Moodle in the summer. We will also be seeking individuals with significant experience in curriculum, instruction, and distance learning to serve on an approval committee for all Moodle content. Stipends of \$1000 will be provided for faculty who would like to apply to participate in the summer Moodle Curriculum Development Projects. The Moodle Content Approval committee stipend will be dependent on the number of projects that need approval.