

Convenient Delivery Using Our Online Course Model

We use a 7 week discussion based model for our courses. There is a 1 week orientation unit followed by 6 weeks of content. Each course unit runs from Wednesday until the following Tuesday. The courses are divided into 7 units, beginning with the initial face to face orientation meeting and an online course orientation week. Course content is delivered entirely online and no additional materials are required. Each unit consists of readings and participation in discussions. An authentic course project is developed throughout the 7 weeks of the course which you can use in your classroom or school. You should plan to schedule approximately 4-5 hours each week to commit to the course. Weekly participation requires online readings, projects, tasks or assignments, and discussions. When and where the participation occurs is completely up to the participant's schedule and preferences. An internet connection is all that is required for access to the course. Participants completing the course receive a certificate for 30 contact hours of course participation. Following successful completion of the course, you will earn a Certificate of Completion for 30 contact hours of professional development. To find out if you're ready for online learning, explore our free "min-course", Being Successful with Online Learning. For a link to the course, visit www.opennh.org.



Face to Face Orientation Meetings are Accessible

Orientation sessions are held throughout the state just prior to the start of each session. OPEN NH runs four sessions of courses throughout the academic year. These orientation sessions are optional and geared toward orienting participants to the OPEN NH program and ways to be successful with online learning. To find out the session and orientation dates available for upcoming sessions, visit www.opennh.org. Our instructors are specially trained in online professional development course facilitation by the Education Development Center as part of the e-Learning for Educators Initiative. We offer a variety of online courses that can meet your professional development needs. The complete list of course descriptions and schedules are available online. Not all courses are offered each session.

New Hampshire e-Learning for Educators

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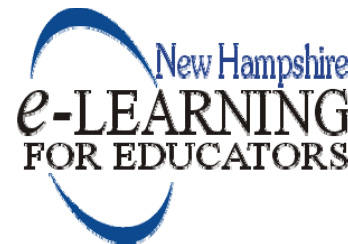


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New Hampshire Public Television



Partnering in Online Professional Development

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OPEN NH is growing a cost-effective statewide online professional development system geared to school or district needs. We do this by selecting and training facilitators, designing online courses specifically tied to the needs of NH schools and educators, and researching effective online professional development. The OPEN NH program is run by New Hampshire e-Learning for Educators. The e-Learning for Educators Initiative is a five-year project, funded by the federal Ready to Teach Program, designed to help states meet critical requirements for improving student achievement through providing high quality online professional development content and support as they build their capacity to implement programs to meet teacher quality requirements. The initiative seeks to address the needs of students in high-poverty, low-achieving schools. Currently ten states are participating in the initiative. Each state project represents a partnership between the state department of education and a local public television station. OPEN NH and the New Hampshire e-Learning for Educators initiative is a partnership between the New Hampshire Department of Education and New Hampshire Public Television. The partnership administers the project through the Office of Educational Technology at the NHDOE.



The e-Learning for Educators Initiative represents a coalition among similar individual state partnerships in Alabama, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

\$100 per Course

Individual or District Cohort Registration

The regular cost to take a course as an individual with OPEN NH is \$100. This \$100 registration fee is payable to NH Public Television. Individuals can download a registration form from the website at www.opennh.org. The form should be completed and mailed with registration fee to:

New Hampshire Public Television
Knowledge Network
268 Mast Road
Durham, NH 03824.

District cohort online learning groups are encouraged. Schools, districts, or SAUs can register cohorts of teachers, which will result in a cost savings to the district while ensuring that individual teachers are enrolled as part of a supportive local cohort. OPEN NH offers different group rate scenarios, ranging from \$450 for 5 teachers in 5 courses (\$50 savings) to \$1,900 for up to 25 teachers (\$600 savings). District Cohort registration forms can be downloaded from the OPEN NH website at www.opennh.org. Contact the OPEN NH Project Coordinator for details on cohort registrations.

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Partnering for Quality Professional Development

Group Registration for Science Teachers with NSTA

OPEN NH has partnered with the National Science Teachers Association to offer NSTA Open Access Licenses, available as 1 year subscriptions. NSTA Learning Center professional development science content may be purchased with or without OPEN NH courses (if purchasing with OPEN NH courses, the courses must be taken within the period of the license). Download the application form to view the various packages available. Our NH e-Learning for Educators and NSTA have created this unique opportunity especially for purchase by an SAU, district, school, or individual teacher. Subscription packages range from \$135 to \$450, depending on the number of teachers and OPEN NH courses. Visit the website at www.opennh.org for details.

Graduate Credit Option

Participants taking courses as an individual or with the group option can also earn 3 graduate credits from Plymouth State University for an additional cost of \$145 per credit* plus a \$25 registration fee. In order to earn the 3 graduate credits, participants must meet all regular course criteria for completion plus submit an additional reflection paper on significant learning achieved in the course. (Graduate credit is not available for self-paced tutorials.) Visit the OPEN NH website at www.opennh.org for details and reflection paper guidelines and assessment rubric.

Other NH e-Learning for Educators Training Programs

As part of the e-Learning for Educators Initiative, New Hampshire e-Learning for Educators also sponsors professional development in online course facilitation. Participants learn how to deliver effective and content-rich online professional development courses. This 10-week online training course will include an initial face to face meeting, online participation, and application of the skills learned by teaching a seven week online course to other educators across the state. Participants will have the guidance of an experienced online educator to work with them through the facilitator training process. Spots in the program are limited, and preference is given to OPEN NH course participants. Visit www.opennh.org for details.

Along with offering professional development courses for educators and training online instructors, New Hampshire e-Learning for Educators Initiative also sponsors the training of New Hampshire educators as course developers. Professional development for course creation involves a 10-week online developer training course and includes an initial face to face meeting, online participation, and application of the skills learned to develop a content rich course to be offered by OPEN NH to educators across the state. Participants will work with an experienced online course developer to learn the techniques for quality course development. Spots in this program are limited and preference is given to OPEN NH course instructors. Visit www.opennh.org for details.

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