STEPS FOR USING C-DELTA

1. Register on the website (http://cdelta.col.org). While registering, indicate "user type" as Student or Practitioner (i.e., teacher).

2. Upon registration, you will receive an email to confirm and complete your registration.

3. You will be asked to take the pre-test based on your user profile. There will be 60 questions to complete in 60 minutes. Based on your score in the test, the system will advise you which modules to complete. It will also give you a certificate if you achieve at least 40% on the test.

4. Based on your score, decide which modules to practice. Upon completion of the modules, you can take the test again (i.e., as a post-test) to improve your score.

5. Take the modules in your own time, at your own pace. The modules are self-directed, and there is no support or discussion for them. However, there may be offline support available for participants joining through an institution.

6. All the modules include interactive lessons with video links and a number of multiple-choice questions to practice.

7. We recommend that you undertake the activities described in the modules and then post about your digital activities through the social post feature available on the C-DELTA platform.

8. The module site is integrated within the C-DELTA platform, and you will navigate both seamlessly though a single sign-on.

9. You can download your certificate as a PDF file once you are satisfied with your learning progress.

10. Enjoy C-DELTA!

TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED LEARNING AT COL

The C-DELTA programme is offered as part of COL's Technology-Enabled Learning initiative. Technology-enabled learning focuses on increasing access to quality teaching and learning by supporting policy formulation and innovation in the application of ICT in education and in the development of ICT skills. COL believes that for technology to have a transformative effect on teaching and learning, it is necessary to focus on a Policy–Technology–Capacity triangle and to base practice on research-derived evidence.

COL is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1987 to promote the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.

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Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action (C-DELTA)

INTRODUCTION

Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action (C-DELTA) is a long-term programme of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) to promote digital education environments in Commonwealth nations. It works with governments, educational institutions, teachers and civil society organisations to assess digital education competencies, develop learning materials around digital education skills, provide training opportunities for teachers, and monitor student achievement and its relationship to livelihood. The C-DELTA programme provides a framework for fostering digital learning and developing skilled citizens for lifelong learning. It will foster leaders who can demonstrate how to use information and communication technologies (ICT) effectively and who will influence others around them to use digital technology appropriately and effectively for learning (and earning) and for supporting sustainable development.

Adoption of C-DELTA in a country will help determine the level of digital education leadership skills in its educational institutions and provide a national benchmark for planning and budgeting to help those institutions that fall below the national average. COL will help governments by providing the technical support to adopt courses for skill development. COL will also assist educational institutions with providing local training to teachers for digital education leadership.
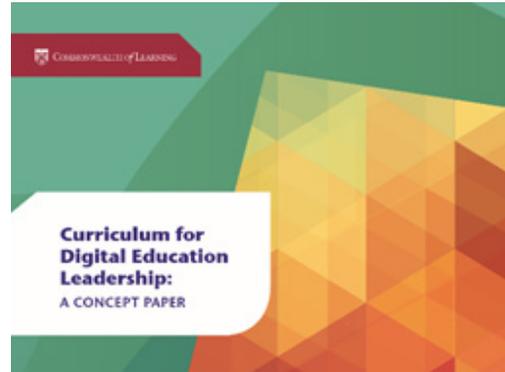
Individuals will improve their employability in the job market by better understanding their own level of digital education leadership skills, and by providing the online badge as a credential in their résumés. Individual learners can develop their skills using online resources and be certified online.

Data gathered through the C-DELTA programme will help measure the digital education leadership skills in Commonwealth countries and will serve as a tool for programme planning and management at COL. As a by-product, COL will also be able to regularly release an index of digital education leadership competency in the Commonwealth.

C-DELTA FRAMEWORK

The C-DELTA framework is based upon the curriculum for digital education leadership, which requires two components: digital education and leadership in digital education, with digital literacy as the basis for both.

Curriculum for Digital Education Leadership: A CONCEPT PAPER

The two components for the curriculum framework have been developed on the assumption that before becoming a digital education leader, an individual must first demonstrate capability in the practices identified with digital education. In other words, the assumption is that leaders should be able to walk their talk and can only lead if they have the necessary knowledge of the "stuff" to be led. Hence, two linked frameworks have been developed: one addressing digital education and one addressing leadership in digital education.

C-DELTA PLATFORM

C-DELTA platform has been designed for two major stakeholders: (i) students in secondary and post-secondary education settings and (ii) teachers and educational practitioners (including officials in the educational administration of the relevant ministry). However, anyone can take the modules through the platform. Register at: http://cdelta.col.org.

C-DELTA MODULES

The programme is organised into seven modules, as follows:

UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL EDUCATION

Module 1: Developing Digital Identities

Module 2: Mobilising Resources

Module 3: Engaging with Networks

UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Module 4: Enhancing Access

Module 5: Making Informed Decisions

Module 6: Capacity Building

Module 7: Cultivating Innovation

CERTIFICATION

To achieve certification, we recommend that users undertake the modules appropriate for them.

- Students: Modules 1–3.
- Practitioners: All seven   modules.

DEPLOYMENT OF C-DELTA

The C-DELTA website will be open for anyone to register and learn. However, COL will work with ministries in Commonwealth countries, helping them adopt C-DELTA in their secondary schools and colleges to build the capacities of students and teachers in leveraging digital education skills for lifelong learning. The C-DELTA programme will be rolled out in a "blended mode" in collaboration with governments in specific countries.