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## The Guide to Blended Learning

This MOOC is based on COL's Guide to Blended Learning, a free, open access guidebook authored by the course instructors. This guidebook provides information about some of the technology tools available to support in-person delivery in a seamless, truly blended way. It also presents new ways of thinking about teaching and learning to help you better prepare your students to learn and develop into 21<sup>st</sup> century global citizens.

The topics of the eight chapters cover the full range of considerations for implementing blended learning, from initial conceptual and planning concerns, through the development and structuring of learning activities, and the evaluation of blended courses and programmes. Enhanced by video presentations, questions for reflection and discussion, and links to further resources, the guidebook is an effective foundation for professional development in blended learning practice and is available to download for free at:

<http://oasis.col.org/handle/11599/3095>



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# Blended Learning Practice 2

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## Course Description

The *Blended Learning Practice* massive open online course (MOOC) is an introduction to blending technology and distance education teaching strategies with traditional, in-person classroom activities. Blended learning is an important and rapidly-developing form of education, and this intermediate-level course will emphasise its benefits to both educators and students, including greater flexibility and convenience, as well as potential increases in learner creativity and independence.

This free, 4-week course, provided by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) in collaboration with Athabasca University, is open to teachers and other education professionals in diverse contexts. Anyone considering the implementation of blended learning practice in their classrooms or programmes will enjoy and benefit from participating in this MOOC. The course is supported by a guidebook on blended learning, which offers a review of various types of blended learning in reference to the level of education, the needs of students, and the subject being taught.



## Who Should Participate?

This course has been designed to assist teachers in adopting blended learning strategies through a step-by-step constructivist and design-based approach. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to reflect on decisions to provide an authentic learning experience in your own context. The discussions and associated activities will review pedagogy, materials and the use of technology. Teachers in diverse contexts – primary and secondary education, post-secondary education, vocational education, and workplace training – who plan to use online teaching alongside in-person teaching will benefit from this course. Anyone interested in improving teaching and learning will gain valuable knowledge by participating in this MOOC on *Blended Learning Practice*.

Schedule	1 March to 28 March 2020 (4 weeks)
Intended audience	K12, higher education, vocational education, and workplace training teachers and other education professionals from the Commonwealth and around the world
Language	English
Expected workload	5 hours per week (20 hours total)
Challenge level	Intermediate
Pre-requisites	None
Certification	Certificates of Participation and Completion available (at no charge)



## Course Outline

### Week 1 Foundations of Blended Learning

- Introducing blended learning and its uses and benefits
- Purposefully integrating in-class and online activities
- Opportunities and barriers to blended learning in the institution
- Preparing teachers and students for blended learning

### Week 2 Designing Blended Learning

- Using theory to support blended learning practice
- Key frameworks for designing blended learning
- Considering subject matter and student needs
- Writing learning objectives and learning outcome

### Week 3 Technology and Blended Learning

- Using theory to support blended learning practice
- Key frameworks for designing blended learning
- Considering subject matter and student needs
- Writing learning objectives and learning outcome

### Week 4 Blended and Online Learning Practice

- Examples and practical implications of synchronous and asynchronous activities
- Customising for context and learning design
- Finding, using and creating open educational resources (OER)
- Evaluating design and delivery of blended learning

## Course Highlights

Participants will:

- Meet teachers online from all over the world who are also studying blended learning practice
- Receive support from instructors who understand blended learning and technologies for blended learning
- Explore easy-to-use technologies for designing blended learning
- Evaluate their personal blended learning practice
- Experience an enjoyable, engaging and collaborative virtual learning environment via the Internet
- Receive a certificate upon completion of required activities



## Certification

Two levels of certification are available based on your level of participation and completion of tasks/activities:

- Certificate of Participation requires participation in at least 3 discussion forums and completion of quizzes.
- Certificate of Completion requires 60 percent on all quizzes, participation in at least 3 discussion forums and the creation and sharing of a blended learning design.