



The Embassy of the United States of America

Offers 3-week Online Courses

“Web Skill 2.0” And “Integrating the Internet into the Classroom”

Provided by
Lewis & Clark College in Oregon, USA

“Web Skill 2.0” and “Integrating the Internet into the Classroom” are 3-week online courses that teach participants how to use free Web 2.0 tools and collaborate online with an international group of teachers in order to exploit social multimedia resources available in the Internet for classroom teaching and professional development.

This class is designed for all English language teachers who want to move beyond using the Internet solely for information dissemination. Participants learn to use the Internet in educational settings as students are already doing in everyday life activities, including blogs, wikis, podcasts, audio and videoconferencing, social bookmarking, image enhancements, and news aggregation.

Text, audio and video resources will help guide participants in pedagogical best practices, using Web 2.0 tools to create classroom materials and activities. Participants must have a reliable broadband Internet connection and access to email on a regular basis. Participants should also have basic Internet browsing and search skills.

Eligibility Requirements

- Candidates must be current Nicaraguan English language teachers who have some experience using web resources. They should be highly motivated individuals, committed to dedicate a minimum of 8-10 hours per week during the 3-week course and willing to share their knowledge gained with colleagues through publications, workshops or professional presentations. In addition, candidates should meet the following criteria:

English language skills:

- Advanced level of English
- Ability to do academic work at a U.S. University level (an advanced level of reading and writing, roughly equivalent to a minimum TOEFL score of 550)
- General understanding of technical terms in English relating to computers and the Internet
- Commitment to dedicate a minimum of 8-10 hours per week during the 3-week course

Computer fundamentals:

- Regular and dependable access to e-mail and the Internet
- Basic familiarity with the Internet and web browsers to conduct searches
- Ability to type in English well enough to perform on-line tasks in real-time and to submit written assignments in a timely manner

Technical requirements:

- Internet connection needs to be sufficient to view video tutorials and other materials (a high-speed connection is essential)

How to Apply

Application is available at: http://nicaragua.usembassy.gov/pas_scholarships.html

Interested English language professionals should e-mail their applications to: ChavarriaLM@state.gov

Course Sessions

The course sessions for the “Exploring Web 2.0” course are:

- (1) **May 13-31** , (2) **June 17 – July 5** and (3) **October 7–25**

The course session for the “Integrating the Internet into the Classroom” course is:

- (1) **August 19 – Sep 6**

Please specify the preferred session, if you have a preference. We will try to accommodate your requests.

Selection Process

Participants will be selected through an open, merit-based competition. The U.S. Embassy will review all eligible applications. A committee will make the final selection of participants. Candidates will be notified of selection to this online course by **April 12, 2013.**

Documents to be Submitted

1. Application
2. Resume (must be written in English)
3. Letter of recommendation from someone who has evaluated your work
4. Copy of citizenship identity card (Cedula)

Deadline: April 12, 2013

For further information please contact:

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APPLICATION FORM

- “Web Skill 2.0”
- “Integrating the Internet into the Classroom”

Important: Write the name of the course you want to study:

Please review this document carefully before you send it.

Personal data:

Complete name

Citizenship Identity Card (Cedula) Number (Please e-mail a copy):

Contact Information:

Address:

Office phone and extension:

E-mail 1:

Confirm E-mail 1:

E-mail 2 (optional):

Confirm E-mail 2:

Cellular Phone:

Alternative Phone:

Current Job Title (Specify the institution and the start date.)

If you have more than one job please include that information

| Date | Position and Institution |
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Responsibilities:

Positions/Previous Jobs (Provide the month and year when you started and when you ended; please start with the most recent.)

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Publications or Academic Presentations (Please list the last three.)

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Professional Membership

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