

TEACHERS USE THE WEB

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Professional Development

Teachers can consider two levels of opportunities for using the Internet as a tool for their professional development: individual professional growth and online courses.

★ marks an excellent site; recommended for newer users

Individual Professional growth --

Teachers find information from the Internet to answer their individual professional questions.

- **<http://about.com/>**
About.com.
Click through menus to get professional expert guidance online from hundreds of Personal Guides for thousands of topics. For elementary references specifically: Click Education in the left-side column, then scroll down that left-side menu to Elementary Educators under Teacher Resources. Enter a search on a page to limit the search results to that specific pages topic.
- **<http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>**
Concept To Classroom.
Examine "hot topics" by choosing a free self-paced workshop. Eleven workshop topics include: Teaching to Academic Standards, Tapping into Multiple Intelligences, Constructivism as a Paradigm for Teaching and Learning, Why the Net - An Interactive Tool for the Classroom.
- **<http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>**
Digital Workshops.
U.S. Dept of Education project uses videos of exemplary teachers to show real-world examples of how scientifically-based research is successfully translated into classroom practice in teaching language arts and math. Participation in any workshop is free, but you will need to make arrangements if you want to receive credit. 49 states recognize these courses for some type of professional development credit.
- **<http://eric.ed.gov/>**
Education Resources Information Center (ERIC).
Searchable database of documents and journal articles on education research and practice. Over 100,000 full text documents are offered free-of-charge, including pdf files of the popular ERIC Digests. Over 1.2 million bibliographic records are in the system. This new ERIC website launched September 1, 2004 with bibliographic records from 1966-2003 selected from the original ERIC database. There are now plans to put the full-text portion of the earlier microfiche collection online by 2009. Sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education.
- **<http://www.2learn.ca/profgrowth/index.html>**
Planning for Professional Growth.
Articles and online aids to help you manage your own professional development plan: a professional growth planning sheet; browse or search professional growth sites and tutorials; aids for creating teacher portfolio and resume. Designed for Canadian teachers, but helpful to any.
- **<http://www.stenhouse.com/prodev.asp>**
Stenhouse Professional Development
You can download a study guide and download podcasts or view video interviews with authors for selected professional books published by Stenhouse. Click "read books" under the books button in the menu for full-text of new professional books. After books are online for six months you can still read the introduction & first chapter of any book. Searchable.

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Welcome to Tapped In®

The online workplace of an international community of education professionals.

K-12 teachers, librarians, administrators, and professional development staff, as well as university faculty, students, and researchers gather here to learn, collaborate, share, and support one another.

What can [educators do](#) here?
What [capabilities and services](#) do we provide?
What [organizations](#) use Tapped In?

What's New

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Getting Started

[Become a member](#) and [log in](#).

Read the short [interface guide](#) about what you'll see when you log in.

See the After School Online (ASO) [event calendar](#) for a great way to meet others in the community.

Skim our [help page](#) for answers to common questions, such as how to [bring K-12 students online](#).

• [http://tappedin.org/tappedin/Tapped In](http://tappedin.org/tappedin/TappedIn).

Organizes exchanges among educators internationally for real-time topical discussions, collaborative projects, and professional development activities. Tapped In provides the structure for online chat, message board, file storage, audio chat and other course management capabilities for group participation.

• <http://teacherline.pbs.org/teacherline/TeacherLine>.

Select from over ninety six-week interactive online professional development courses. A course tour shows what its like to take one of the courses. Plan and document your own online professional development using resources provided. Graduate credit is available for all courses.

Online courses --

Teachers may enroll for graduate credit and districts may contract for courses. Participation is totally via internet/e-mail.

• <http://www.bgrubercourses.com>

Barbara Gruber Online Courses for Teachers.

Self-paced online studies for K-6 teachers in areas of classroom management and literacy. Cost starts at \$99 with additional fees for university credit.

• <http://www.chathamonline.info>

ChathamOnline.

Fifteen 7-week courses in areas of writing. Participation is 100% online, including the assistance of a faculty advisor. Tuition is \$622 per graduate credit. Based in Pittsburgh PA.

• <http://www.cu.classroom.com/logon.asp>

Connected University.

Courses providing educators the techniques and resources to use technology in the classroom. Users can explore an introductory tour and free trial subscription before deciding to participate. Courses cost \$149 for graduate or continuing education credit.

• <http://continuingeducation.tc.columbia.edu/default.aspx?pageid=64>

Distance & e-Learning.

Online certification programs and postgraduate courses for staff development offered by Teachers College, Columbia University.

• <http://www.educationalimpact.com/>

Educational Impact: Staff Development for Educators.

Courses in areas of classroom management, safe schools, school improvement. Interactive content, facilitated chat rooms, bulletin boards for posting questions. Approved for K-12 teachers and administrators by both the national association for elementary and for secondary principals.

- **<http://www.lessonlab.com/graduate-courses/distance-learning.cfm>**
LessonLab Distance Education Courses For Teachers.
Three options: Mini-courses in specific areas (mainly in math) without university credit \$125; video distance learning courses with one year completion deadline, \$435 for 3-credit course; online graduate education courses with specific start and end dates \$485.
- **<http://www.OnlineLearning.net>**
Online Learning.
User friendly in terms of finding descriptions and costs of currently available courses. Demo. Searchable.
- **<http://www.scholasticred.com/>**
Scholastic RED.
Four types of professional development in the area of reading and literacy K-12 can be purchased: online courses combining facilitated training with self-paced learning; district-based workshops; online leadership training; district customized designs.
- **<http://www.learner.org/>**
Teacher Resources by Annenberg Media.
A variety of workshops and courses offered through three types of access: digital satellite on the free Annenberg Channel, on demand online streaming and online simulcasting at this website, and purchase of video cassette or DVD.
- **<http://www.teachstream.com/>**
TeachStream.
Online training by the producers of the respected Video Journal of Education professional videotapes. Product demo.
- **http://www.riverdeep.com/pro_development/index.jhtml**
Teacher Universe, a Riverdeep Interactive Learning Company.
Series of courses help educators infuse technology into the curriculum. A management system allows customized content and accountability. The site explains the products to potential users through a hands-on product demo, a tour, and a downloadable movie.
- **<http://www.uwstout.edu/soe/profdev/>**
University of Wisconsin-Stout Online Professional Development.
Register for a single online graduate course for educators; or also, a complete 30-credit degree Master of Science in Education program is offered totally online. Details of registration and procedures for participation are easily located. Costs are \$315 per graduate credit hour. Check FAQs for helpful information.
- **<http://www.waldenu.edu/c/About/About.htm>**
Walden University.
Broadly advertised program offering advanced degrees online for M.S. in Education, Doctor of Education (Ed.D), or Ph.D. in Education. From this general page, click on School & Programs in the banner menu.

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