



EDU C480-50

Taking Google Apps to the Next Level

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I. Course Description:

Google Apps for Education has quickly become the new buzz in the field of education and rightfully so. This amazing platform provides educators with opportunities to collaborate, communicate, and work more productively. This course is a 12-week course designed to meet the needs of educators who already possess a strong foundation in using the Google Apps for Education platform. In this course, you will explore advanced features and concepts to extend your knowledge and use of the Google Apps platform. You will begin the course by exploring ways to maximize your use of Google Drive, Google Apps and Chrome to increase productivity and communication. Then you will explore new concepts and features that will allow you to increase student engagement and motivation while also providing students with more personalized learning opportunities. Finally you will finish up the course by learning concepts that will teach you how to establish your own personal learning network, use mapping features available in Google and explore Google tools on mobile devices and tablets.

I. Course Aims and Objectives:

Students in this course should be able to:

- Utilize the advanced features in the Google Apps platform in an educational setting to create a more engaging, student-centered learning environment.
- Create projects to enhance productivity while also increasing communication and collaboration with parents and students.
- Utilize online resources to provide a technology-enhanced learning environment that meets the needs of digital learners.
- Examine advanced features in the Google Apps platform to explore new teaching concepts that can be utilized in the classroom.

Tentative Course Schedule (See online course calendar for specific due dates.)

Class Topics:	Assignment(s):
Intro to Advanced Google Apps for Educators	Course Overview/Discussion/Project
Maximizing Drive for Increased Productivity	Journal/Project
Maximizing the Chrome Browser	Discussion posts/Project
Ways to Increase communication with Google Apps	Journal/Project
Increasing efficiency with Google Apps	Discussion posts/Project
Creating Assessments with Ease	Journal/Project
Providing Students with more Personalized Learning Opportunities	Discussion posts/Project
Motivating Learners by Gamifying Google	Journal/ Project
Establishing Your Personal Learning Network	Discussion posts/Project
Exploring the World with Google	Journal/Project
Google Apps for mobile devices & tablets	Discussion posts/Project
Course wrap-up, Final Project	Journal/Project