

Online Professional Development Courses: Quality in Basic Education

Through the Virtual Classroom of the Educational Portal of the Americas
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This online professional development course offers an introduction to the philosophy of quality education. Its objective is to provide primary and secondary-level school teachers and administrators with the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to improve basic educational services on a team-based approach.

Convenience

- Take the course at a time and place that is convenient for you.
- Share your learning process and interact with professionals who work in other teaching contexts.
- Balance of theory and hands-on practice with an expert tutor who guides you in your learning process.

Goals of the Course

At the end of the course you will have the knowledge of the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to improve basic educational services, as well as the ability to apply their newfound knowledge and cognitive skills to their institutional settings.



Certification

Participants who complete the course requirements will receive an OAS certificate that acknowledges the successful completion of the course.

For more information please contact us at: portal@oas.org
or visit the Educational Portal of the Americas <http://www.educoas.org>

Duration and Methodology

The course lasts 12 weeks and is delivered under the academic and technical supervision of expert tutors. These tutors guide participants throughout the duration of course by helping them to assume an active role in their learning process. Also a constructive and collaborative learning is promoted. Tutors suggest reading and reference materials; analyze and evaluate assigned activities resolve technical problems; and answer questions. In addition, the tutors offer students constant feedback on the activities they perform, providing all necessary individual and in depth explanations.

Program Profile

The course is organized into 12 content modules (one each week) including a first week introduction to the Virtual Classroom and its tools, as well as a final week dedicated to presenting a proposal to be applied to their local reality. The themes are organized as follows:

Week 1	Introduction to the Virtual Classroom: Welcome, Socialization and use of the tools
Week 2	Introduction to the philosophy of total quality education
Week 3	Resolving problems in the school
Week 4	Quality in the school context
Week 5	Quality as a process
Week 6	Quality depends on those who participate in the process
Week 7	Quality requires leadership
Week 8	Quality leads to the continuous improvement of the people involved
Week 9	Planning and evaluating for quality
Week 10	Quality requires community participation
Week 11	Some implications about quality
Week 12	Final project

For more information on the current professional development courses of the Portal Virtual Classroom, admission requirements, costs and financial aid, please contact us at:

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