
Being a Networked Teacher Harnessing the Power of Your Network

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As teachers, our focus is on creating and supporting learning environments for our students. As professionals, we are also focused on our own learning, aimed at enriching our teaching practice. We read articles, attend workshops and tap colleagues in our school districts. In this course we will all become “networked” teachers and learners. We’ll use 21st century technology to connect to other professionals; find, create and share content; and tap resources available in our local school district, across the country and around the world. We’ll practice using a range of communication and internet tools and strategies to develop a rich and personal learning network. We’ll develop the skills, competencies, and orientation to leverage these tools for our own learning and consider how to share these skills with our students.

Hardware requirements:

Internet use will be extensive. Participants will need daily access to the Internet, a relatively fast connection and a computer onto which they have permission to install new software. Our courseware “Moodle” works best using the Internet browser FIREFOX. Free software will be downloaded and used. Feel free to contact Jane at wildejk@gmail.com with questions about technology requirements or information on how to install Firefox.

Location: You can be anywhere there is a good internet connection

Dates and Times: Starting July 6, ending August 16, 2011

Location: Access class from anywhere there is a good internet connection

Fees: \$850; optional three graduate credits, additional \$350

Instructors: Jane Wilde

Register: on-line at www.LearningCollaborative.org

Jane Wilde is a self proclaimed computer geek. She thoroughly enjoys technology and loves to teach people how to use it. Having the rare combination of technical skills and the ability to speak English (rather than computer-eeze) she can show you how to engage your students and enrich your curriculum with computers, the internet, and multimedia materials. Having begun her teaching career in Special Education, Jane enjoys working with even the most computer challenged student. A twenty-five year veteran educator, Jane has taught at every grade level from Kindergarten to Graduate School. She is currently on the faculty at Marlboro College Graduate School and is pursuing a PhD at the University at Albany in the field of Instructional Technology.