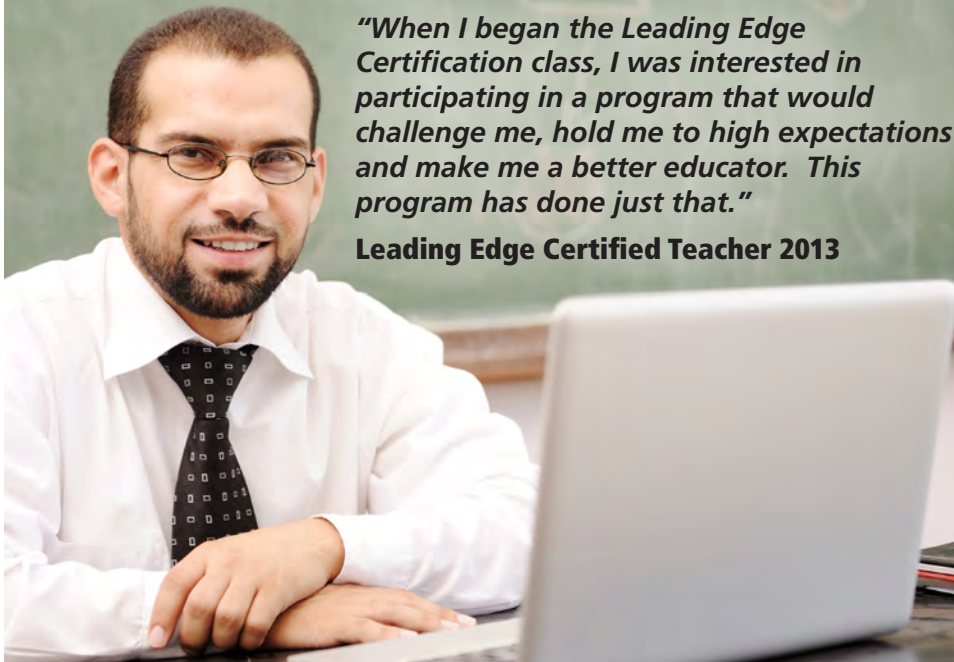


Leading Edge National Certification for Online and Blended Teaching



"When I began the Leading Edge Certification class, I was interested in participating in a program that would challenge me, hold me to high expectations and make me a better educator. This program has done just that."

Leading Edge Certified Teacher 2013

THIS NATIONAL ONLINE TEACHER CERTIFICATION guides educators through rigorous and engaging curriculum based on the International Association for K–12 Online Learning (iNACOL) National Standards for Online Teaching. Upon successful completion, the certification will give schools, districts and other prospective employers assurance that Leading Edge Certified Online Teachers not only have the skills to effectively facilitate online courses, but also have a solid understanding of how to enhance the learning opportunities for all students enrolled in their courses.

OVERVIEW

- A pedagogy-focused, not technology-focused professional development program
- 10 weeks, 6–15 hours/week (depending on learning style and tech expertise)
- Nationally recognized certification
- \$450 per participant (3 optional graduate credits offered by Hamline, \$486)
- Synchronous and asynchronous collaboration
- Standards-based:
 - National Standards for Online Teaching
 - National Educational Technology Standards
 - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

In order to better prepare teachers and educational leaders for online and blended learning environments, the Leading Edge Alliance, a group of educational service agencies, universities, and non profits developed this national certification program for K–12 teachers and instructional leaders.



This blended learning course begins with a daylong face-to-face workshop followed by 8 weeks of online instruction and 2 weeks of online professional portfolio development.

CURRICULUM

- WEEK 1 — Introduction
- WEEK 2 — Online Learning: History & Concepts
- WEEK 3 — Pedagogy
- WEEK 4 — Building Community
- WEEK 5 — Online Accessibility
- WEEK 6 — Assessment and Evaluation
- WEEK 7 — Policies and Preparation
- WEEK 8 — Summation and Closure
- WEEKS 8–10 — Portfolio Process

SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER COHORTS

Cohorts typically start during the first two weeks of June, last week of September and last week of January. Visit socratesonline.org for additional information or to sign up.

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