

A Course is Born: From Concept to Classroom

Syllabus

Course Information

Wednesdays, Mar 22 – Apr 26, 2017 from 1:15 – 3:15 pm
All People's Life Center

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Objectives

Familiarize participants with teaching in a lifelong learning environment
Introduce relevant issues in adult learning
Introduce and allow for the development of basic instructional skills
Familiarize participants with OLLI-USF's course proposal process
Develop a course proposal and obtain feedback from peers

Outcomes

Complete OLLI new course proposal
Complete a classroom observation and conversation with an experienced OLLI instructor
Demonstrate your ability to teach a short lesson
To do all this in a comfortable, fun, and safe environment

Topics to be Covered

Week One

Introductions
About lifelong learning institutes
OLLI-USF's course proposal form, process
Classroom observation process

Week Two

The adult learner
Beginning your course proposal (What do you want to teach?)

Week Three

Methods, strategies and processes of instruction, e.g. Lecture, Discussion, Group work
Using technology to support teaching

Week Four

Classroom Management
Getting organized for the first class
Managing difficult students
Planning your demonstration lesson
Panel: new OLLI instructors

Session Five

Demonstration lessons and feedback

Session Six

Demonstration lessons and feedback
Course summary

The group will combine lecture, reflective writing, some group work, and ultimately, presentations by course participants. Guest speakers have been invited to discuss particular topics.