

New professional development online course – available free

An orientation to open, flexible and distance learning

A new self-paced, online and free introduction to the basic ideas, concepts and theories related to open, flexible and distance learning (OFDL).

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<http://tinyurl.com/ofdlorientation>

About the course

This orientation course is for anyone working in tertiary education with an interest in open, flexible and distance learning (OFDL), who wants to engage with the topic as a professional. The course is ideal for those who have some familiarity with online courses.



Course benefits - how it enhances teaching and learning

OFDL is best engaged with in the context of the practitioner. The orientation course aims to help participants to learn more about their context of practice, alongside the core themes and concepts in OFDL. The course includes references to key thinkers and ideas, and provides multiple opportunities for practitioners to learn new teaching and learning skills.

Course structure

There are six modules in this course:

- Module one: Laying open, flexible and distance learning foundations
- Module two: Key aspects of distance education
- Module three: The effective OFDL educator
- Module four: Successful OFDL learners
- Module five: The OFDL community
- Module six: OFDL futures.

Estimated time required for completing all six modules and the introduction section is approximately 15 hours.

Flexible study

Fit the course of study around your work schedule and availability. The orientation course has been designed so that you can start and complete the modules at any time.

More information

This professional development course has been developed for tertiary educators, to introduce OFDL theory and core ideas, and explain the jargon and inconsistent terminology in the field.

The course has been prepared by some of New Zealand's leading OFDL practitioners and experts involved in tertiary education. The work was undertaken as a partnership project between New Zealand Association of Open, Flexible and Distance Learning (DEANZ) and Ako Aotearoa – The National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence. It has been funded through Ako Aotearoa's National Project Fund.

Course completion

The process for completing your OFDL orientation course includes a final assessment. Once DEANZ have approved that, you will be issued with an online badge that can contribute to your online portfolio.

Supporting you through the course

DEANZ provides support as you work your way through the modules. Expert advice is only an email or telephone call away.

Enrol now

Enrol on the course free at: <http://tinyurl.com/ofdlorientation>. All you need to do to get started is to create an account. You will then have free access to begin the course.