

What's new, what's coming up: 2009

Happening now.

A DIGITAL TEXTBOOK



With the help of teachers, university faculty, libraries, and museums statewide, LEARN NC has developed a "digital textbook" for 8th-grade North Carolina history that will start with primary sources and integrate multimedia, student readings from a variety of sources, and inquiry-based activities.

LEARN MANDARIN CHINESE ONLINE



Can your students really learn a second language online? Mandarin Chinese 1, currently in development by LEARN NC and the NC Virtual Public School, will make it possible! This first of five courses in Mandarin will use Skype and online conversation coaches to focus on listening and speaking. Video stories featuring teenagers introduce each lesson with key expressions and vocabulary.

Open for enrollment.

ONLINE CEU COURSES

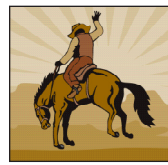


Earn your CEUs at one o'clock in the morning, from a coffee shop in Trujillo, Peru, or from your classroom during your planning period! LEARN NC's professional development courses support you whenever and wherever you need new skills and knowledge. Our online courses offer educators the opportunity to learn at their own pace, when they have the most energy, and through forums that kindle reflection and collaboration.



LEARN NC is currently offering more than a dozen new courses that focus on two critical areas of need in North Carolina — improving teaching in core areas and closing the achievement gap for minority students. Topics include United States history, social justice, and global issues, as well as subjects where student achievement has been a particular challenge, such as inquiry-based science and mathematics. Courses are currently offered on a cost-recovery basis. See our website for details and scheduling.

COLT: CAROLINA ONLINE TEACHER



Interested in teaching online? Now you can earn your Certificate in Online Instruction through the Carolina On-Line Teacher program (COLT). You'll gain the knowledge to create a dynamic learning community, one where learners separated by a few feet or many miles can collaborate and share ideas. And with the possibilities for using web-based content and multimedia, online courses can be exciting and inspiring for teachers and students alike.

Already available.

LESSON PLANS WITH A PUNCH



Two new series of lesson plans explore North Carolina history through photographs, oral history recordings, and other primary source materials, with step-by-step instructions for teachers new to hands-on history. Coming soon: in-depth science plans with integrated content for students.

PHOTOS AND MAPS



Since our multimedia library went live in June 2006, we've published more than 3,000 items. Look for photographs and audio recordings from around the world; images and sounds of our state's natural environment; and maps of North Carolina, past and present. Check the sidebar for related instructional materials.

NEWS, INFORMATION, UPDATES



LEARN NC's new blog keeps you current on newly published resources, CEU courses open for enrollment, conference presentations, events, good things we've found on the Web, and other opportunities for teachers. Check the latest postings on our home page, or subscribe to the RSS feed.

INSTRUCTIFY



LEARN NC's other new blog, *Instructify*, is where teachers can stock their toolboxes with practical, time-saving classroom ideas and cutting edge methods of instruction. It's also a fun place to spend your planning period. In other words: Teach smarter, not harder. Look for it at www.instructify.com.

IN DEPTH



Because not everything fits on a single web page, our longer "web editions" package resources and encourage exploration. Some recent highlights: a Spanish-English picture dictionary, a tutorial on ongoing reading assessment, a book-length guide to teaching archaeology and prehistory, and a retelling of the *Ramayana* through various forms of art.

BOOKS



Yes, really: books! Some of our longer web editions are being turned into softcover bound editions, available at cost from Lulu.com. Look for The First Year, our collection of essays for new teachers, at <http://www.lulu.com/content/848402>. And never fear — our web content is *always* free. You just have to pay for the paper and ink.

LEARN NC

For new teachers

CONNECT

Connectivity. It's more than just cables and wire. Sure, you can get on the internet, but where will you go? And what will you do when you get there? LEARN NC builds connections between more than just bits and bytes. We connect teachers, students, universities, museums, ideas, strategies, successes — the hub of a vast network of teaching and learning excellence.

START YOUR SEARCH FOR EDUCATION RESOURCES HERE

Blueprints for classroom instruction and in-depth discussions of educational practice. Quick references, primary sources, interactive tools, and online courses. Text, images, audio, video, and multimedia. LEARN NC brings you the best of North Carolina and the best of the web, all in an intuitive, easy-to-use format that helps you find what you need to help your students succeed.

TEACH SMARTER

LEARN NC is more than just a great set of resources. We add value to those resources by aligning them to the curriculum, developing contexts for teaching and learning, writing educators' and learners' guides, integrating them into packages. Built by teachers, for teachers, we know what you need to make the web work in your classroom, and we give it to you all in one place. So you can make your teaching smarter — not harder.

LEARN NC builds connections...



BETWEEN TEACHERS AND COLLEAGUES

Every teacher has good ideas, successes, proven practices. But teachers often don't have enough opportunities to learn from one another. LEARN NC finds some of the best and most innovative teachers in North Carolina and gives them a way to share ideas with their colleagues through lesson plans, articles, online courses, and social networking.



BETWEEN TEACHERS AND CONTENT PROVIDERS

Universities, museums, non-profits, and government are full of people who have knowledge and resources they'd love to share with teachers and students. LEARN NC partners with them to turn what they have into what teachers need, making the links between content and curriculum and welcoming learners into a vast intellectual community.



BETWEEN IDEAS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

There are billions of pages on the world wide web. Even if a hundredth of one percent are educational, that's still a lot more than you can sort through and make sense of during your planning period! LEARN NC helps you find what you need right now, today — and then connects you to more ideas you can use to improve your teaching tomorrow.



BETWEEN YOUR CLASSROOM AND THE WORLD

It really is the *world wide web*. Want to take your students on a virtual field trip to Southeast Asia — or the Outer Banks? Done. Need a video clip of an endangered species to show your class? We've got it. Want help figuring out what to *do* with all that great stuff? We're here for you. With LEARN NC as your guide, the world really is your classroom.

K–12 teaching and learning
from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Education



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of NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL

30,000 teachers and students connect with LEARN NC every day.

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CLASSROOM CONTENT

Articles, tutorials, web-based books, and multimedia offer the collected experience of hundreds of educators, on topics from reading and writing, math, science, and history to higher order thinking skills, differentiated instruction, and classroom management.

Lesson Plans

Nearly 3,000 lesson plans, all tied to specific goals and objectives of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, cover every area of the K–12 curriculum. To ensure highest quality, all are reviewed by experienced educators. Many integrate multimedia, primary sources, and other content for students.

Education Reference

Our education reference provides definitions of educational terms and concepts, along with examples and related resources to help you use what you learn.

Best of the Web

Our “Best of the Web” provides a searchable, annotated catalog of 4,000 top-quality educational websites.

Field Trips

Want to make the world your classroom — or at least all of North Carolina? We’ve collected the best of our state’s local education resources, with field trip ideas and strategies for integrating them into the curriculum.

Multimedia

More than 3,000 high-quality photographs, illustrations, maps, sound recordings, and movies bring the world into your classroom.

Learning Materials

Students can use text and multimedia independently or as part of an in-class lesson. Teachers can use them to supplement or replace a traditional textbook.

TEACHING THE CURRICULUM

The complete text of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, including the English Language Development curriculum, is available in an easy-to-use format with links to relevant lesson plans.

The screenshot shows the LEARN NC website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'HELP', and 'SEARCH' options. Below that, a sidebar menu lists categories like 'CLASSROOM', 'CURRICULUM', 'ONLINE COURSES', and 'MY LEARN NC'. The main content area features a 'FEATURES' section with a large image and text about 'Experience North Carolina's State Parks with EELEs'. Below this is a 'PROJECTS & COLLECTIONS' section with five small images and titles: 'North Carolina History', 'New Teacher Support', 'COLT: Carolina On-Line Teacher', 'Environmental Explorations', and 'Around the world in multimedia'. At the bottom, there are several columns of resource lists under headings like 'CEU COURSES', 'LESSON PLANS', 'INSTRUCTIFY', 'BEST PRACTICES', 'LEARNING MATERIALS', and 'BEST OF THE WEB'.

GETTING STARTED

Use this menu and search form for quick, intuitive access to our collections.

STAYING CURRENT

Our News, Information, and Updates blog keeps you current on newly published resources, CEU courses open for enrollment, conference presentations, events, good things we've found on the Web, and other opportunities for teachers.

KNOWLEDGE YOU NEED

A special guide to our resources helps beginning teachers find answers to questions they face every day.

The First Year

This collection of essays recalls an instructor's first year of teaching: the mistakes she made, what she learned from them, and how she used them to become a better teacher — and how other first-year teachers can, too. By Kristi Johnson Smith.

Communicating with parents, colleagues, and administrators

Effective communication is often about avoiding problems rather than solving them. These resources on communicating with parents, participating in a mentoring relationship, and working with colleagues and administrators will help you communicate effectively in a number of situations.

Classroom Management

Running your classroom is about more than just discipline. Our resources for new teachers consider classroom management in the context of classroom design, curriculum, and instructional strategies.

Building a Support Network

Every teacher needs support networks, both formal and informal. This guide to LEARN NC's collections will point you to resources that show you how to build your own and get the help you need.

One website. Millions of connections.