

# LEARN NC

Professional development any time, any place.

## DEVELOPMENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

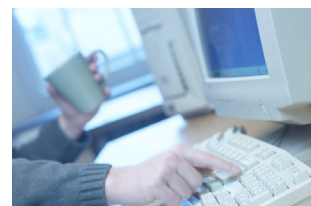
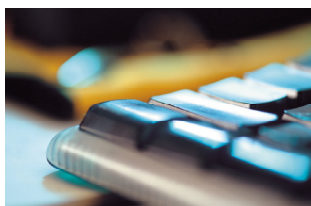
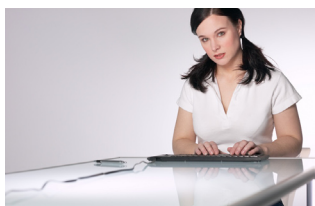
Teachers are learners too. But you're busy, and sometimes the offerings available don't meet your needs. What if you could have professional development of your choosing delivered to you, in your home or your classroom, on *your* schedule?

## GET YOUR RENEWAL CREDIT ONLINE

Developed and taught by experienced educators, our online courses let participants work and learn any time, any place, and foster a comfortable, welcoming learning community through continual communication and discussion. Whether you want to expand your knowledge of a subject, improve your teaching skills, or learn a new way to work with students, our courses give you what you need—where and when you need it.

## LEARN MORE, TEACH SMARTER

Learn how students think about mathematics in *Spotlight on Algebra*, expand your knowledge of *American Indians in North Carolina*. Try *Crossing Cultures* to understand your foreign-born students, then explore strategies for *Effectively Reaching English Language Learners in the Mainstream Classroom*. *Virtual Mentoring* courses help teachers new to a topic understand the curriculum and plan their semester. And if you're interested in teaching your own online course, *Moodle Training* and *Teaching Online Courses* will help you make the transition to teaching in a virtual classroom.



### What's the advantage of online learning?

Online learning gives you far more time for reflection than traditional professional development—and thus far more opportunity to learn. Classes take place over several weeks, and discussions may last for days.

### Is online learning right for me?

With online learning, no one is watching over your shoulder—you're in charge of your own learning. You'll need to be able to budget your time and to be flexible. You should also be comfortable working online and communicating exclusively in writing.

### What do I need?

Daily access to a computer with a reliable internet connection. All courses take place completely online on a secure website.

### How much time is required?

Each course requires 3 to 5 hours per week, though the commitment may vary from week to week depending on the content and level of interactivity.

### When does my class meet?

All our courses take place *asynchronously*. That means that you decide when and where to "attend" class—there is no set meeting time.

### How do I attend class?

Each day, you'll log into the course website to complete assignments, participate in written discussions, and interact with your colleagues. Discussions take place over a period of time (but not at the same time).

### How will I learn without an instructor in the same room?

Your instructor will communicate with you through announcements, class discussions, and private discussions. Instructors work to provide timely feedback and to monitor the progress of all students in their courses.

### How will I interact with my classmates?

Learners take turns posting messages to the *discussion board*—a text version of a conversation, like the script of a play. The exchange is not immediate, but the extra time for reflection allows you to compose your thoughts and engage in more meaningful interactions. You will not be alone in cyberspace!

### What if I have technical problems?

Every course has a forum where technical issues are posted. You'll also have access to LEARN NC's help desk via phone, email, or instant messenger client.

Find more information and a schedule of courses at [www.learnnc.org/courses/](http://www.learnnc.org/courses/).

