# Transformative practices in an online course

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Types of instruction	Acquisitions of knowledge	Role of the technology
Expository instruction	Digital devices transmit knowledge	Delivers the content
Active learning	Learner builds knowledge through inquiry-based manipulation of digital artifacts such as online simulations, games, etc.	Allows learners to control digital artifacts to explore information or problem
Interactive learning	Learner builds knowledge through inquiry-based collaborative interaction with other learners	Mediates

# Creating an Online Collaborative Community

• Palloff and Pratt (2005) identify specific pedagogical benefits of online collaborative learning, to include development of critical thinking skills, co-creation of knowledge and meaning, reflection, and transformative learning

Sense of Community Variables	Key Course Factors
Connection	<ul> <li>Video introduction by instructor</li> <li>Letter of introduction: Submit to</li> <li>discussion board: <ol> <li>Submit a letter of introduction with</li> <li>a photo, or a video</li> <li>Reply to at least 2 people whose</li> <li>letters interest you</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Participation	Reading (instructor or self directed) Discussion board response and replies
Safety	Consistent learning cycle
Support	Classroom practice Instructor-led introductory session
Belonging	Peer sharing and responding Students participate in small group discussions
Empowerment	Writing about learning activity Students discuss, share, present work (key curriculum issues in modules)

# **ENL/Bilingual Endorsements**

- ED-LLC 503 Applied Theoretical Foundations of Bilingual Education/ENL and Multiculturalism
- ED-LLC 505 Applied Linguistics: From Theory to Practice
- ED-LLC 502 Methods of Teaching English as a New Language
- ED-LLC 531 Advanced Assessment of Learners in the Bilingual/ENL Classroom
- ED-LLC 510 Field experience in the ENL Classroom
- ED-LLC 509 Field experience in the Bilingual Classroom
- ED-LLC 501 Culturally Diverse Learners\*
- Modern Language

## The learning cycle includes a:

- Video introduction in which the instructor presents key concepts of the module and makes the connection to classroom teaching and learning
- Thinking activity that prompts teachers to consider the experiences and knowledge they already have relating to the content of the module
- Reading activity that may be instructor- or selfdirected
- Video activity that has students analyze an unfamiliar classroom and apply a key piece of learning from the module

# The learning cycle includes a (Cont.)

- School/classroom activity where the students carry out an assignment in their own classrooms (may be the same as the activity they carried out in the video analysis)
- Writing activity (Discussion Board Response or Paper) in which students write about their learning through the module following a writing prompt
- Peer sharing activity (Discussion Board Reply) where students share and respond to the work of a colleague in the class following a set protocol

# Module/Description

• Topic: Introduction to the course and the nature of language Week 1: 8/24 SYNCHRONOUS MEETINGS

- Course syllabus
- What special about language?
- What do teachers need to know about language?
- Approaches to study language

#### **Reading Assignment:**

- Freeman, D., E. and Freeman, Y., S. (2014). Chapter 1: How linguists study language. In *Essential linguistics: What teachers need to know to teach ESL, reading, spelling* and grammar (pp. 21-52).
- Watch:
- Due:
- Letter of introduction: Submit to discussion board:
- 1. Submit a letter of introduction with a photo, or a video by Tuesday (8/25).
- 2. Reply to at least 2 people whose letters interest you by Saturday (8/27).