



Online class? See how it works!

Blended Learning in MB

WHO FUNDS IT? CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

BENEFITS of an online class:

- **Flexibility for students:** This accommodates the student's schedule. They have 5 days to work in 3 hours of work, which is great. It gives them an evening back, which is so important for attending to family responsibilities and chores.
- **Flexibility for teachers:**
 - This allows for the teacher's schedule. I can't come to a Tuesday night class, so my online class is Tuesday, and face to face Wednesday and Thursday. However it could be any configuration.
 - Your online class could be one hour per week, or if you teach a full day, it could be the afternoon of one of those days (Friday? ☺)
 - if you teach half days, it could be a full 3 hour class, like mine, or the last half of the class (1.5 hours) on say, Monday or Friday? (☺ ☺)
- **Time Management Skills & Self Discipline:** It teaches the students time management and self-discipline, important work place skills. Make appointments with yourself and keep them.
- **Computer workplace skills:** Computer use is also a skill improving employability. It gives them strong computer skills over the term, especially great for those with weak to no computer skills. It improves confidence using the computer.
- **Reading and writing markedly improve over a term:** From teacher and student feedback, as the students are constantly reading and writing online to complete the class. Writing feedback is given online and notification is sent to the student by email.
- **Digital handouts:** PDF's containing theory and exercises can be downloaded, saving paper.
- **PBLA Artefact Friendly:** Students can copy/paste writing to put in their portfolios, printout pdfs that they write answers into (reading/listening) and include in portfolios, or copy information onto a USB for their e-PBLA portfolio.

TEACHING RESOURCES?

- LINC courseware is included
- Tutela: download resources into your class
- You!!! Tailor the weekly class to develop your theme.
 - upload your own files (grammar, reading)
 - give online writing assignments where you can give online feedback
 - include a link to a youtube video for a listening exercise
 - give practice in speaking related to the theme, or pronunciation (Nanogong is included, or vocaroo.com)



- Your colleagues! You can share online activities with each other. **HOW DO I LEARN TO TEACH IT?**



- online, through www.LearnIT2teach.org
- you have an online mentor
- Stage 1: very short introduction
- Stage 2: learn to use the LINC courseware and include Tutela resources (about 15+ hours)
- Stage 3: (optional) so that you can address your own theme, this teaches you how to make your own activities, uploading pdf's, referring to video clips, and referencing URL's to do grammar theory and practice, and even speaking.
- visit www.Learnit2teach.ca to find out more about it
- completion of each stage comes with a certificate
- to be enrolled in the program or learn more, use this link: <http://learnit2teach.ca/wpnew/contact/>

WHERE IS THE STUDENTS' ONLINE CLASS? You develop your weekly classes on www.edulinc.org



HOW WELL IS THE ONLINE CLASS REPRESENTED IN MANITOBA?

We have the lowest participation west of the Maritimes. I am hoping that this will plant the seed to interest more ESL instructors in Manitoba to take advantage of this great teaching opportunity. Now let's look at some of the classes!

