

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR STORYTELLING IN TEACHING/LEARNING

Teacher: João Garrido

Course Duration: one week, from Monday to Saturday, 30 hours

Number of Participants: Min. 6 – Max. 20



DESCRIPTION

Technology has expanded the field of education by introducing mobile educational apps, which greatly help teachers and students. The use of mobile devices and tablets was once restricted in classrooms; however, these gadgets now have the power to transform monotonous lessons into fun and exciting lessons. With the best teacher educational apps, learning isn't just limited to the classroom, teachers can plan, create and prepare lessons for their students through learning-oriented apps. In addition, these apps enhance student engagement and the development of effective communications.

According to the National Storytelling Network (US and Canada), “Storytelling is the interactive art of using words and actions to reveal the elements and images of a story while encouraging the listener’s imagination”. Digital Tools for Storytelling are one example of these apps that technology and mobile devices empower teacher to encourage students’ imagination, therefore creating better learning experiences.

When it comes to teachers, they can easily use these storytelling digital tools to extend the learning process outside the classroom. This opens the door to an ocean of knowledge for students. Students can access these tools anywhere and anytime, and teachers can thus keep students always connected to their classrooms.

If you are a teacher, this is a course for you. In this course you will learn how to use some of the best storytelling digital tools to enhance your classroom activities and learning processes. It will cover apps that will enable you to create collaborative and interactive content, share information, develop writing and reading skills, etc.

The course will be very practical, combining theory with practice, group work and discussion with hands-on phases in which the participants will have the opportunity to explore the provided tools.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants to the course will learn to:

- Interact with some of the most important Storytelling Digital Tools for teaching to understand their usefulness and applicability in different situations of communication and learning.
- Acquire skills using Storytelling apps to stimulate students’ creativity and writing skills:
 - Share documents to promote collaborative writing.
 - Use apps to edit and publish audiovisual stories.
- Acquire pedagogical and didactic skills in Educational Technologies, with a special focus on the use of storytelling apps as pedagogical tools;
- Apply storytelling tools/apps to the Instructional Design of a Curricular Unit.

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Monday

Introduction

- Introduction of the course and the external activities.
- Icebreaking activity to introduce the trainer and the participants;
- Pedagogical Design of Learning using storytelling digital tools:
 - Contextualization – Learning Theories;
 - “Instructional Design” methodologies and the Design of Constructivist Learning Environments.

Tuesday

Digital Tools for Storytelling

- Online creation of texts and stories through collaboration;
- Using Photos Videos and Sounds to generate narrative;
- Storyboards, Comic cartoons and Animation tools for students engagement.

Wednesday

Infographic design

- How to create infographics to draw attention.
- Infographics creation as a way to develop communication skills.

PROGRAM

Thursday

Sound and Voice narrations

- Using Sound to enrich presentations, grow comprehension and better communication;
- The pros and cons on recording narrations.

Friday

Practical Application Work

- Pedagogical design of a curricular unit using one of the available Storytelling Apps/Tools to implement student-centered learning activities.

Saturday

Course Closure & Tour

- Course evaluation and awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance.
- 21st Century Skills – The Values of Art and Culture – Excursion Tour and external cultural activities.