



10 E-TOOLS TO FACILITATE LEARNING

- 1. e-Mail / Text.** These asynchronous “chat” technologies are a useful way for students and instructors to connect. They are often used for general communication and directed studies.
- 2. Skype / FaceTime.** Technologies that offer real-time video/audio offer an opportunity for the “live,” dynamic connection many learners crave. Some technologies limit interactions to one-on-one, whereas others allow for multiple participants.
- 3. Google Docs / Wikis.** These collaborative technologies help to foster co-creation and group interaction. These systems enable users to make contributions and adjust the contributions of others, creating an end “product” (e.g., a paper).
- 4. Moodle.** This open-source, online learning management system is used by a number of educational institutions. It allows course developers to create a dedicated site for programs and courses where learners can go to access resources and lessons, engage in discussions, submit assignments, and connect with each other.
- 5. Recorded PowerPoint.** Although posting PowerPoint files can be a great way to share a presentation, they often don’t have enough depth to appropriately “speak” to the topic. Recorded PowerPoints, however, include an audio track, allowing the presenter to bring the content “to life.”
- 6. YouTube / MyCounseling Lab / Vimeo.** Video clips are an excellent way to incorporate multimedia. They can be particularly helpful when illustrating “soft skills” or connecting with learners. Expensive videos developed “in-house” aren’t necessary; instead look to publicly available videos or those bundled with course textbooks.
- 7. GoToMeeting / GoToWebinar / Adobe Connect.** For live meetings, these technologies provide an opportunity for screen sharing, live video/audio, interactive polls, and discussions to enhance the attendee’s experience.
- 8. Blackboard Collaborate / OmniJoin.** A step beyond simple screen-sharing, these interactive technologies permit application sharing and collaboration. Users can create meeting places that can be used over and over again, inviting participants to mark up or zoom in on specific information.
- 9. Lynda.com / Franklin Covey.** You can now manage your own learning with access to videos, experts, and courses on a wide-variety of topics. These interactive learning sites provide access to targeted training, on-demand.
- 10. Coursera.** Partnering with leading international educational institutions, Coursera offers “MOOCs” (Massive Open Online Courses) on a wide variety of topics. Most of the courses are free, or offered very inexpensively. One course may have thousands of learners engaging in discussions, watching video lectures, and completing readings and assignments.

UPCOMING COURSES

Make sure you read our [course catalogue](#). It is full of important information for students on program structure and policies. Not sure what training fits for you? Contact our [Student Advisor](#).

Starting soon . . .

- **Work Search Essentials 2: Interview and Negotiation Strategies - May 7th**
- **Researching Workplace Trends, Career Information, and Employment Possibilities - May 21st**
- **Administering and Interpreting Career Assessments - June 4th**
- **Developing Career Programs, Services, or Courses - June 11th**

Starting this Fall . . .

- **Career Development Foundations, Emerging Theories, and Models - Sept 10th**
- **Researching Workplace Trends, Career Information, and Employment Possibilities - Sept 17th**
- **Helping Skills to Facilitate Career Development - Sept 24th**
- **Job Developer - Sept 24th**

[Click here](#) for our full 2014 course schedule,

Keep in mind that we can arrange special sections of any course for intact groups; we also facilitate workshops on a wide variety of topics. [Contact us](#) to learn more.

DID YOU KNOW?



Certified CDPs May Be Eligible for Fast-Track Program. Individuals with CDP/CCDP designations may be eligible to “fast-track” their Certified Career Strategist (CCS) applications. Offered by the Career Professionals of Canada (CPC), the CCS is a great way to further demonstrate your professionalism and credibility. [Click here](#) to read more.

IAEVG’s Organizing A Special Pre-Conference Activity. If you’re attending the IAEVG conference in Quebec City, you may be interested in a visit with local employability and training organizations on June 3rd. This is a great chance to learn more about their facilities, services, and clients. Visit the [conference site](#) for details.

The Talking in Colour Conference Takes Place October 24th. This professional development conference for Personality Dimensions’ facilitators and trainers is a great way to learn from top trainers. Early-bird rates are in place until May 30th. Group and student rates are also available. Learn more at www.talkingincolour.com.

NEW RESOURCES

Why Leadership Development Fails. Although many businesses see leadership development as important, rarely is it done effectively. This article highlights the four mistakes many programs make (e.g., using a one size fits all approach). [Click here](#) to read the full article.



NCDA 2014 Virtual Exhibit Hall. Learn more about who will be on site at NCDA from government agencies, educational institutions, and professional associations to private corporations. [Click here](#) for details.

EQ Livestreams. Join David Cory as he discusses everything related to EQ, live. [Click here](#) for his YouTube channel or visit www.eitrainingcompany.com.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Over the years, Life Strategies has had the privilege to work with a number of high-calibre and innovative programs serving diverse clients. We’ve worked with a variety of immigrant serving agencies supporting their programs through research, workshops, and training. One such program was [MAPLE 2.0 - Mentorship in Action](#) offered through the Immigrant Services Society (ISS) of BC. The program sought to bridge the gap between employers and immigrants through facilitating internships. Life Strategies played a role in facilitating diversity training for local employers.

The MAPLE 2.0 program was recently awarded an International Qualifications Network (IQN) award for Workplace Integration for their work providing “support for labour market integration to help newcomers integrate quickly and fully.” [Click here](#) to read more.

Congratulations, ISS. The work you do is important and impactful.

CONGRATULATIONS



Shannon Liscumb completed the **Rehabilitation** specialization of CMPP.

3 students completed their **Case Manager** certificates:

- Nadine Boyce
- Victor LeFort
- Wendy Pinchin

Maya Alonso completed her **Personality Dimensions** certificate.

6 students completed their **Job Developer** certificates:

- Barbara Allen
- Rose Dubeau
- Elaine Logie
- Monika Rondeel
- Joanna Sheppard
- Krista Stovel



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