Foundations of Distance Education Taught Online: Strategies for Successful Online Learning

Abstract: This session will showcase a successful experience of teaching and learning the foundations of distance education in a completely online graduate course. Learning activities, multimedia course materials, learner testimonials, examples and demonstrations will be shared with attendants to illustrate how to achieve lively, engaging learning via online distance education. Various instructional strategies and learning technologies to stimulate higher order thinking and active learning will be highlighted and discussed. The discussions will also address topics like how to address learning characteristics in a virtual environment, how may instructors use some of the freely available technologies to facilitate online teaching and learning, and more.