

INTEGRATING ICT IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

(4 weeks)

Introduction

What would you do if you were asked to use tomorrow's technology to teach in today's classroom? Imagine having to create a classroom environment, which allows the student to explore a subject or topic presented from sources spanning the globe. Imagine these sources providing students with information in the form of text, graphics, audio and video. Imagine students interacting directly with experts and peers throughout the world. Welcome to the challenge posed by tomorrow's technology - the Internet and the World Wide Web, in today's classroom!

The integration of the Internet into the curriculum requires a particular approach to classroom instruction and this, of course, has significant pedagogical implications. Hence, the aim of this short course is to acquaint teachers, both primary and secondary, with the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to enhance the teaching and learning of English as a Second / Foreign Language.

Objectives

By the end of this course, participants would have:

- acquired skill in using some basic computer applications like Microsoft Word, Power Point etc
- learnt how to build teaching learning modules for enhancing English language teaching and learning by incorporating ICT skills.
- been exposed to teaching ideas, strategies and techniques on how to integrate technological know-how with resources and activities for English Language teaching and learning.
- learnt how to create their own websites

Course Content

This is a four-week course on the use of computer and information technology in the teaching of English as a Second Language/English as a Foreign Language (ESL/EFL). The course begins with hands-on Computer Literacy instruction and ends with the integration of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) into the teaching and learning of English in classrooms.

First, participants will learn the basics of using computer applications like Microsoft Word and PowerPoint as well as Web applications like Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft FrontPage and Dreamweaver. From the basics of computer technology, participants will then move on to learn how to build teaching-learning modules, which make use of these technological tools and applications to enhance language teaching and learning.

Participants will be exposed to a host of teaching ideas, strategies and techniques to integrate technological know-how with resources and activities for teaching ESL/EFL. Finally, participants will learn how to create their own websites and upload their creations on the World Wide Web.

Participants

This course caters for ESL/EFL teachers or teacher trainers with some teaching experience, have little or no knowledge of computers and ICT skills but are keen to learn how to use these skills to enhance English language teaching and learning.