Online Course Development Opportunity

Call for Course Developers for Irrigation Course

Maintaining Golf Courses Certificate
University of Guelph, Open Learning and Educational Support

Project Overview

Open Learning and Educational Support (OpenEd), University of Guelph is recruiting a course developer who can support the redevelopment of the Irrigation course as part of the Maintaining Golf Courses Certificate program. This course will be redeveloped to align with current practices in the field and updated program learning outcomes. We are seeking candidates with combined expertise in their respective field and a demonstrated commitment to teaching, online learning, and student success.

Program Information

The online Maintaining Golf Courses Certificate is a non-degree credit program. All courses are 12 weeks in length, delivered entirely online through the University of Guelph’s online learning management system (Brightspace by D2L). The courses are asynchronous and facilitated by an instructor. The program provides insight into golf course design and construction techniques, tree care, and other best management practices related to the environmental care of golf courses.

Current Irrigation Course Description

Learn the principles of irrigation including design and maintenance of irrigation and pumping systems. Explore irrigation systems in golf courses as well as alternative settings. This course examines sprinkler heads, valves, control lines and piping. It describes irrigation terminology, products, layout, application techniques and component servicing.

Responsibilities

We are looking for a subject matter expert who can work with the manager, program development and Distance Education development team to design and develop an updated Irrigation course that reflects current practices in the field of turfgrass irrigation.

The course developer will:
• Participate in planning meetings to determine the project schedule and design considerations (learner profile, textbooks, course description, course outcomes, unit structure) for the course, as well as regular update meetings with the instructional design team throughout the project
• Develop written course content with rich and relevant real-life examples and practice case studies
• Design learning activities that reinforce key skills and allow students to practice
• Select appropriate course readings from a variety of academic and published sources
• Identify appropriate and relevant media components (images, video, etc.) to use in the course
• Develop assessments and grading rubrics that align with course learning outcomes
• Participate in quality review and revision of the course within the learning management system prior to launch

Qualifications

You have:

• Successful completion of an undergraduate degree (Additional qualifications in turfgrass management, irrigation, irrigation design and golf course irrigation are definite assets.)
• At least five years of industry related experience
• Experience in online learning environments
• Teaching experience or a diploma/degree in adult education with skills in curriculum development is a definite asset
• Participated in an online course as a student. You have first-hand experience as a student in an online class.
• A level of confidence with computer technology and the ability to master a learning management system. You have the ability and desire to learn the software required to be a successful online facilitator.
• A commitment to meet timelines. You can balance the competing priorities for your time and ensure they do not interfere with delivering the course.
• Access to the internet and computer technology to participate in the course, including access to audio and video equipment and software. You have the equipment to participate and facilitate an online course successfully.

Essential Skills and Abilities

• Passion for learning and teaching
• Flexibility, resourcefulness, creativity, and self-motivation
• Excellent organizational and time management skills
• Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
• Capacity to deliver within given deadlines
• Familiarity with, and ability to, access academic and community resources
• Competent with Microsoft Office suite including use of shared files
• Ability to work independently and collaboratively with the assigned distance learning program development specialist
• Strong attention to detail, ability to edit and revise work as necessary

Program Information
Visit the OpenEd Horticulture Studies page to learn more about the program. Visit the OpenEd website to learn more about continuing education at the University of Guelph.

Job Location
Course development work can be completed remotely as long as you are available to attend meetings during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm EDT).

To Apply
If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a cover letter indicating how you meet the stated criteria and up-to-date resume outlining your experience and qualifications.

Applications must be submitted as one file in word or PDF format by July 29, 2022 via email to Mariel Mading, Manager, Program Development.