

Provincial Online Learning Update



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Context and Background

Ontario Context

- Differentiation & SMAs
- Enrolment trends

Online approaches

- University investments
- Ontario Universities Online (OUO)

Current initiative

- "Ontario Online"

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- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)
 - Initiative goals
 - Funding opportunities
 - Conceptual model

Ontario Online Conceptual Model

Board of Directors

Course Hub

- Online delivery standards
- Credit transfer standards
- Course development grants

Shared college
courses

Credit
recognition

Shared
university
courses

Knowledge Hub

- Research agenda
- Data collection and Analysis
- Community building and knowledge dissemination

Support Hub

- Course and instructor development support
- Portal(s)
- Shared IT hardware and software
- Open educational resources

Centre for Excellence: OOLC

- incorporated as “Ontario Online Learning Consortium” (OOLC)
- support the development and delivery of quality online learning experiences; lead in research, development and sharing of best practices in online and other forms of technology-enabled learning
- foster innovation, collaboration and excellence on behalf of Ontario students
- anticipate and respond to new and emerging technologies
- leverage existing strengths in Ontario’s PSE system and develop new capacity
- support offering of state-of-the-art courses that are recognized for credit across multiple institutions

2014-15 Shared Online Course Fund

- University guidelines: course and module proposals
 - Course proposals in three categories
 - Modules may be academic content or learning supports; must be made available without costs to other publicly-funded universities
 - Collaboration highlighted:
 - Across universities (or colleges and universities)
 - Within universities through inter-academic collaboration
 - New “Statement of Intent” added to the proposal process

Statements of Intent

- 232 statements submitted
- 68% (157) of submissions are for courses
- 32% (75) are for modules

All of the SOIs can be viewed at the following website:

www.ontarioonlinecoursecall20142015.wordpress.com

Next steps

- November 14 deadline for all proposals
- Expert reviewers (might still be looking for some!)
- Preliminary funding decisions possible just before Christmas

Questions and Comments

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