



Moodle: A Mobile Vehicle for Empowering Educators

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About the workshop:

Moodle is an open source learning platform with over 125 million users around the world. Through the free Moodle Mobile app, learners have access to educational programs which use Moodle for online and blended learning. Education and training organizations who use Moodle have the opportunity to provide mobile-ready activities for the diverse contexts of K12, higher education, and workplace.

The Moodle project recognizes the need to support mobile learning solutions for educators. As a global organization that connects with educators in over 200 countries, we also understand our responsibility to respond to the needs of the international Moodle community. Through the recent development of the Moodle Certified Educator Program (MCE), Moodle offers an innovative training system to develop a relevant set of essential knowledge, skills, and approaches to teaching and learning using digital technologies.

This workshop focuses on Moodle's approach to defining and mainstreaming digital skills by addressing the question: How can Moodle empower educators at the intersection of learning, technology, and skills development? Through an interactive workshop, we will present strategies of how our approach can serve Moodle's global community of 125 million users through digital skills development opportunities in the Moodle Certified Educator Program.

Meet the presenters:

Solange Lalonde serves as a Moodle Education Advisor working remotely from Alberta, Canada. As an educator, Ms. Lalonde has been using Moodle since 2006 and as a member of the Moodle Education Team, she was actively involved with the design and implementation

of the Learn Moodle Program. She graduated with a master's degree in Educational Research in Curriculum and Learning; her thesis introduced the Relational Model for Teaching and Learning. Ms. Lalonde has experience as a program designer with the Teaching Scholars Indigenous Initiative with the University of Calgary and her research interests include Indigenous methodologies, curriculum, and professional learning.

Bob McDonald is a Moodle Education Advisor based outside of Washington, D.C.. After obtaining his Masters in Modern Studies from Loyola University of Maryland, he began a 20-year professional career that focused on developing educational programs that extend the availability of learning opportunities to all learners. Prior to joining the Moodle team, Bob developed teacher certification programs targeted at underserved students and training programs to facilitate blended learning scenarios. In the private sector, Bob collaborated with leading education institutions across the globe in using Moodle and other leading educational platforms to meet strategic learning objectives.