# Information Literacy Education in a Global Era

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#### **Topics**

- Global education: Challenges opportunities
- Information literacy facilitation opportunities
- InfoLit training certificate
- E-course design elements: Examples



#### **Part ONE**

### Global Education: Challenges - Opportunities



#### University e-Evolution

- A place to hack knowledge
- A place to practice knowledge
- A place to accelerate the advancement of knowledge











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#### Social Networking Student

- Need meaningful and relevant learning
- Social and web hyperactivity
- Used to instant gratification
- Need information competencies



















#### Faculty Information Needs

- Need support for knowledge facilitation
- Require quality information for research tasks
- Need reliable sources to meet high demand to publish
- Demand data for academic management
- Need support to benefit from new technologies











#### Library e-Evolution

- Library space needs to became a learning mall
- Collections are disappearing and library becomes a virtual information gateway
- Users are no longer physical persons but with just etereal individuals
- Information demand is increasingly more specific than generic
- Future librarian role is for erudite reference and information learning facilitation



#### **Part TWO**

Information Literacy Facilitation
Opportunies



### Advocate: 4. Information Fluency

- Understand and meet new information student seeking behavior
- Anticipate users' information needs
- Facilitate student information fluency
- Support faculty in their information literacy classroom tasks
- Help university management to have information skills and information resources for decision making tasks







#### LIS InfoLit Education Opportunities

- Reform current LIS programs to include pedagogical training to students
- Hire library professors to facilitate student education skills
- Create especialised education components of Master's Degree programs
- If possible, design InfoLit master's degree or certificate



### LIS Opportunities: Graduate Information Learning Facilitators

- Enable LIS graduates to be information learning facilitators
- Develop LIS graduate teaching skills in formal and non-formal education settings
- Prepare graduates for distance information literacy facilitation
- Educate technology savvy graduates to cope and benefit from ICT



#### Other Elements Required by Graduates

- Leadership skills
  - Communication
  - Team working
  - Visibility
- Management
  - Planning
  - Resources management
  - Evaluation



#### **Part THREE**

# InfoLit Training the Trainers Certificate (Draft)



#### Information Literacy Trainers' Certificate

- Four modules
  - Modules includes three courses
  - Twelve courses in total
- Courses include five topics
  - Topics include a learning exercise (60)
  - Each course requires 10 hours of work
- Competency-oriented certificate
- Fully online program, web-based
- Prepared to be delivered using Moodle
- Whole certificate is flexible and standardized



### Module ONE InfoLit Concepts and Theories

Course 01:

Information literacy concepts and theories

Course 02:

Information literacy standards

Course 03:

Life long learning and information literacy



## Module TWO Academic Content of Program

Course 03:

Learning theories and InfoLit

Course 04:

Learning content of a teaching program

Course 05:

Learning facilitators' creativity and innovation



### Module THREE Evaluation and New Technologies

Course 07:

Diagnostic evaluation of learning communities

Course 08:

Learning assessment

Course 09:

New technologies relevant to InfoLit education



## Module FOUR Planning An InfoLit Program

Course 10:

Elements of an InfoLit Program

Course 11:

Obtaining institutional support

Course 12:

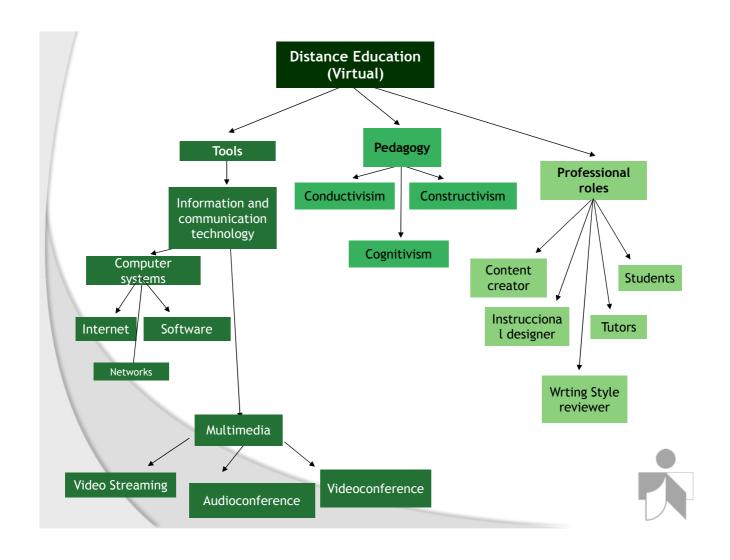
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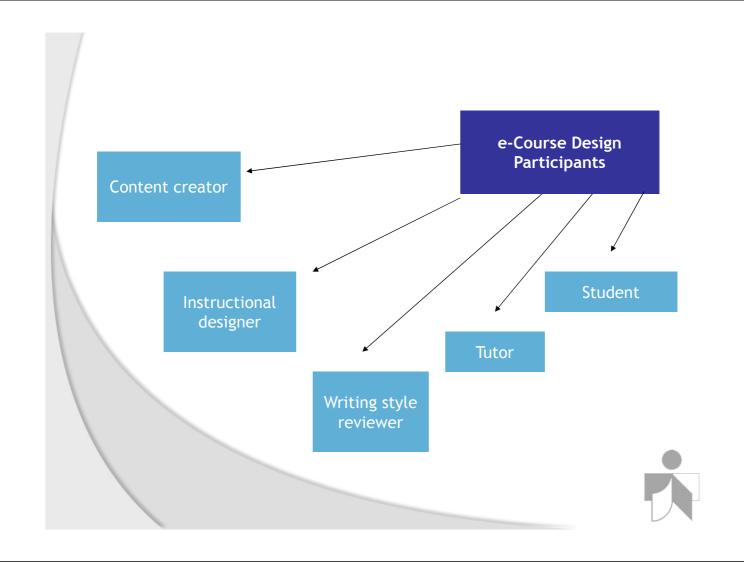


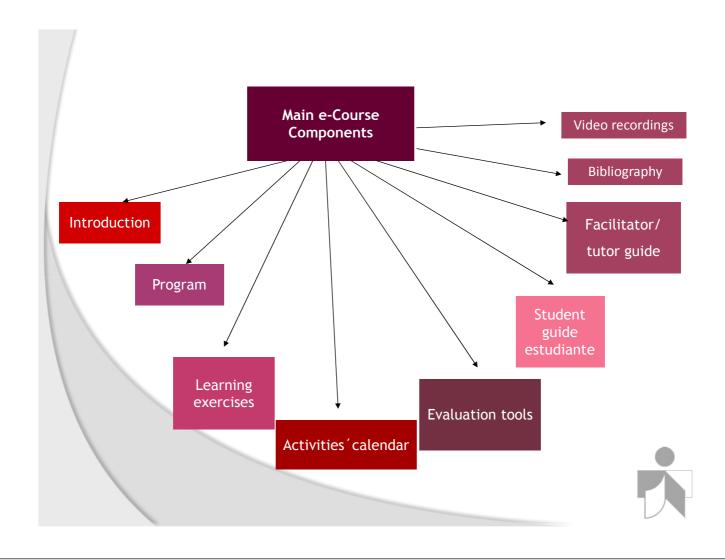
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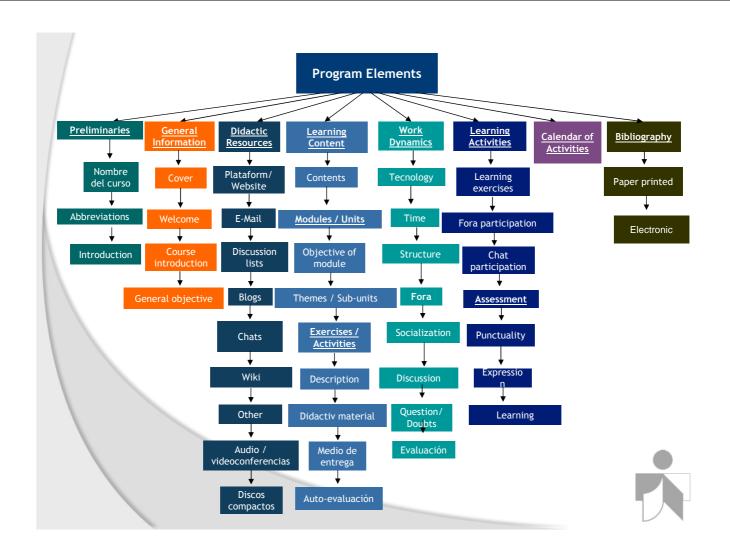
### e-Course Design Elements' Examples

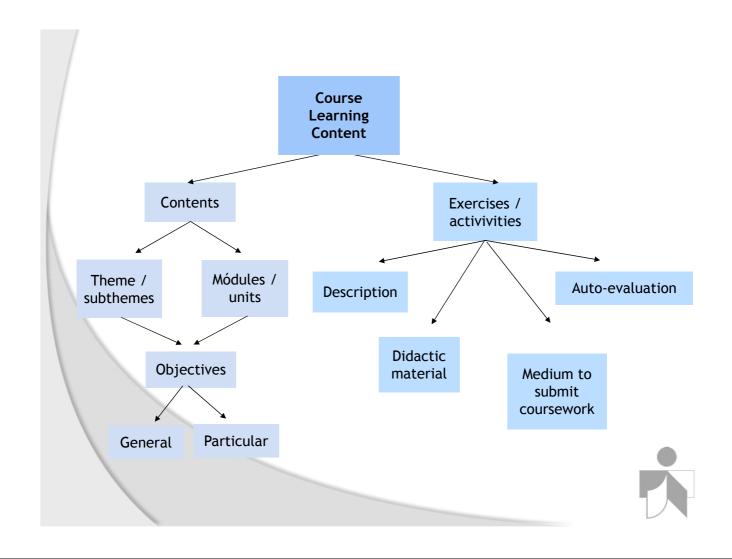












#### **Conclusions**

- 1. Education is changing its format of delivery
- 2. Libraries are evolving to become more virtual and more specialized
- 3. LIS schools have great opportunities to educate a new cadre of InfoLit professionals
- 4. A certificate or a Master's Degree in InfoLit is justified
- 5. Education skills are a must for e-librarians

