Overview

Distance learning is a significant shift—for schools, teachers, students, and families. Though most educators had to move online very quickly, we now have a moment to build flexible learning models that respond to student needs and changing conditions. We can go from crisis response to effective practice.

In BetterLesson's self-guided online course, "Tool, Time, Task: Foundations of Distance Learning", teachers will explore the fundamental components of effective virtual instruction, learn from mentors and peers, and create an action plan.

Who is this course for?

This course is for K-12 teachers who want to design an effective distance learning approach, with a focus on student-centered practices, equity, and access. It is fundamental material for teachers who will start school fully online, or in a hybrid model, or even in-person with the need to be "distance-ready." The course works well alongside other PD supports such as coaching.

How does it work?

Modules: The course is divided into 5 modules:

- **Module 1:** What is distance learning?
- **Module 2 (Tools):** How can we organize a space for distance learning, using the best tools?
- **Module 3 (Time):** How can we create a learning cadence, including synchronous and asynchronous approaches?
- **Module 4 (Task):** How can we design engaging and meaningful learning tasks?
- **Module 5:** What do the foundations of distance learning look like in your context?

Access: Available on the Moodle online platform, all self-paced

Features: Real-life examples, a focus on instructional goals over tech tips, interactive content, a course mentor, and feedback on a final "action plan" for distance learning.

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Course Features in Depth

Built around Design Thinking
Each module follows these three steps:

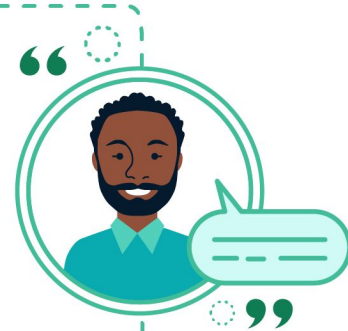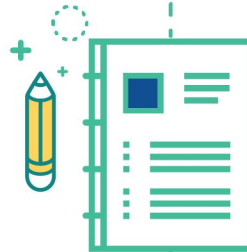**Define:** Learn new distance learning concepts
Explore: Review a variety of instructional resources
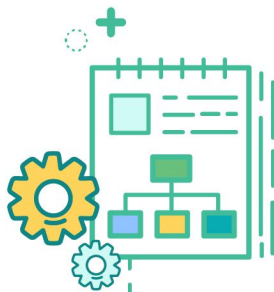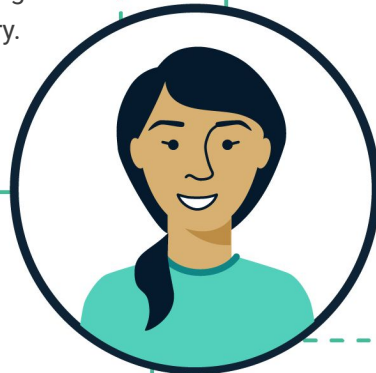**Build:** Create a piece of your distance learning plan

Instructional Vision First

Identify your instructional goals and explore a variety of lesson materials, strategies, and tech tools that support those goals—instead of combing through a long list of tools to try.

Course Mentor

Experienced BetterLesson coaches are here to help. Message course mentors with questions, and get expert feedback on all assignments.

Real-Life Examples

Learn from videos, articles, audio, tips, and examples from real teachers and instructional coaches who have worked in a distance learning context.

Action Plan

In each module, create and get coach feedback on your plan for using tools, time, and tasks next year. Finish the course with a certificate and a roadmap for distance learning!

Let's Partner. Get in Touch!

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