



Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number: IGC 706

Course Name: AI Literacy for Educators: Implementing the Massachusetts Framework

Instructor: TBD

Credits Earned: 3 Graduate Credits / 67.5 PDPs (for courses completed before June 8, 2025) or 22.5 PDPs (for courses completed on or after June 8, 2025)

Credits Issued By: Gordon College

Course Fee: \$675 (\$575 for early bird registration)

Course Description:

This course builds the foundational AI literacy Massachusetts educators need to navigate a rapidly changing technological landscape with confidence and ethical clarity. Grounded in DESE's 2025 AI Guidance for K-12 Educators and the five core principles of equity, transparency, academic integrity, human oversight, and student data privacy, participants examine how artificial intelligence works, evaluate AI tools against a structured framework, and develop a personal AI teaching philosophy and classroom policy. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts State Frameworks and to DESE's 2025 AI Guidance for K-12 Educators.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain how generative AI works at a conceptual level, including capabilities, limitations, and distinctions between types of educational AI tools.
2. Apply DESE's five core AI principles as a consistent evaluative lens for tools, practices, and classroom policy decisions.
3. Conduct a structured evaluation of AI tools appropriate for K-12 use, analyzing bias, privacy, cost, accessibility, and instructional value.
4. Develop a personal AI teaching philosophy grounded in professional values and aligned to DESE's Generative AI Policy Guidance (2025).
5. Draft a classroom AI use policy in accessible language for students and families, aligned to DESE's regulatory guidance.

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