

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number: IGC 724

Course Name: Tools That Teach: Google, Canva & Interactive Tech for Today's Classroom

Instructor: Casey Rekowski

Credits Earned: 3 Graduate Credits, which equates to:

- 67.5 PDPs (courses taken prior to June 8, 2026)
- 22.5 PDPs (courses taken after June 8, 2026)

Credits Issued By: Gordon College

Course Fee: \$675 (\$625 with early registration discount)

Course Description:

This course equips Massachusetts educators with practical, immediately applicable skills in the educational technology tools most commonly available in Massachusetts schools: Google Workspace for Education, Canva for Education, and interactive platforms including Kahoot, Padlet, Nearpod, and Pear Deck. Participants develop a portfolio of technology-enhanced instructional materials and a personal framework for selecting and evaluating educational technology tools. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Design and implement Google Workspace-based instructional workflows for assignments, collaboration, and formative assessment.
2. Create visually compelling instructional materials using Canva for Education, including slide decks, infographics, and student-facing resources.
3. Apply interactive platforms (Kahoot, Padlet, Nearpod, or Pear Deck) to increase student engagement and gather real-time formative data.
4. Evaluate educational technology tools using a structured framework for pedagogical alignment, accessibility, and data privacy.
5. Develop a personal technology integration plan that reflects your instructional goals and your students' learning needs.