

January 11, 2012

Welcome to Design for Learning!

This message will assist you in preparing for the first session, January 20, 2012. All sessions are from 10:00 – 11:30a.m.

Please notice that the subject of the message began with **DFL**. This is how each of your messages for this class will begin.

### **Test your computer**

If you have not tested your computer please do so at:

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/techweb/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=658>

Even if you have recently use your computer for this type of connection, please test again. In past classes we spent considerable time troubleshooting during the first session. For troubleshooting please contact Gerry Snyder 785-532-1179 or [gsnyder@ksu.edu](mailto:gsnyder@ksu.edu).

### **Web site for DFL**

A Web site has been established for Design for Learning:

[http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/Employee\\_Resources/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=300](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/Employee_Resources/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=300)

Here you will find:

- Course description
- Design for Learning - a self paced guide (download for use throughout the class)
- Participant e-mail listserv (only those on the list may use)
- Conference call numbers
- Adobe Connect url
- Communication - copies of each message sent to the listserv throughout the course sessions:
- Assignments
- Additional resources (pdf files, PowerPoint files....)

Each participant also needs a copy of Mastering the Teaching of Adults by Jerry Apps. If you have not already received it you may request from:

Nebraska: Rick Koelsch

North Dakota: Deb Gebeke

Kansas: Marie Blythe (Kansas participants copies have been mailed)

As part of the registration you were asked to write an introduction of yourself. These along with introductions of facilitators are posted in the **Session I** area. Take a look at who else is in the class and what their interests and goals are. We are a large class (19) so will not have a great deal of class time for introductions. We will provide many opportunities for participation in class discussion.

## **First Assignment**

Check out the Web site for the assignment in preparation for session #1. There is a reading assignment as well as something to send to me by Tuesday, January 17. We will compile all of your responses to this assignment and post to the Web for all to benefit.

### Session I

Read Unit 1, Design for Learning - a self-paced guide (a link on the Web site)

- Read Chapter 7, Mastering the Teaching of Adults (1991)
- Be prepared to share an example of a recent learning experience
- Write a description of something you plan to teach in the near future. Include what you will teach, how you will teach it, and characteristics of the intended audience. Send to [margaret@ksu.edu](mailto:margaret@ksu.edu) by January 17, 2012.

While we have several facilitators throughout this class, I will be present at each session and will be the primary contact for you throughout the course. You are welcome to communicate with any of the presenters as you wish.

Each session will open with a brief review of the previous session and end with assignments for the next.

### **In case you are unable to participate**

Participation in each session is important but we also know that "life happens." **If you are unable to attend a session please notify me in advance.**

We are looking forward to the upcoming sessions and getting better acquainted with you.

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