Becoming a Google Certified Educator

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Background

- Librarian for 6 years
- Level 1 Certified in November 2015
- Level 2 Certified in February 2016
- Both certifications are good for 2 years
Types of Certifications

Each certification type builds on the other ones.

The education training website provides you with modules and practice in preparing for the tests.
Google for Education Training Site

https://edutrainingcenter.withgoogle.com/

The site below lists the various certifications and information needed for testing, as well as links to complete the steps involved in the certification process.

I went through Lord Fairfax Community College with others to provide support. Check with your local community college about setting up a cohort.
Level 1 Certification

Level 1 materials:

- reflect an individual’s knowledge of various Google applications
- how they can be used within a classroom setting
- the content assumes that basic knowledge of several applications is understood
- Cost for test is $10
Level 2 Certification

Level 2 materials:

- contain more advanced knowledge of several of the Google applications
- emphasis being made towards the integration of Google tools in the classroom
- Cost of test is $25
Other test information

- timed exams
- 3 hrs to complete the test
- will relate to the online materials
- your knowledge of the Google applications
- Test has 2 parts- multiple choice and application

Results will be immediate upon completion. You will not be informed of any scores. The tests are Pass/Fail. If you don’t succeed in passing, you will be informed of any weaker areas of knowledge and be allowed to take the test once more two weeks later.
Possible Google Programs to Learn About

- Docs
- Slides
- Sheets
- Gmail functions
- Forms (Great for surveys)
- Drawing
- Hangouts (via Gmail)
- YouTube video curation
- Google Classroom
- Blogger
- Sites
- Chrome functions
- Podcasting functions
- Nearpod

Just to name a few!
Benefits to the library program

● Instructional Partner
  ○ Flipped classroom
  ○ Support for teachers trying a digital classroom
  ○ Support for students engaging in a digital classroom

● Information Specialist
  ○ Understanding the uses and needs of stakeholders in the school
  ○ Providing assistance to various stakeholders in the school

● Leader
  ○ Understanding emerging technologies
  ○ Sharing knowledge with staff about new technologies
  ○ Provides opportunities for collaboration
Benefits to Students

● Digital Citizenship Skills
● Understanding their digital footprint
● Emerging technology skills
● Engagement
Google Trainer Process

- apply for Google Education Trainer, or GET (must have Level 1 & 2 Certification Completed)
- during the open application times- early fall and late spring

This is a different process and requires a few assignments as well as references:

First Steps:
- **Build up your experience.** You will need to provide a resume that highlights any training opportunities you have already completed.

- **Choose THREE references wisely**
  - References should be someone who has completed your training
  - Try to find three people from different areas of your life (if you can)
  - References will be contacted via email
  - References are given a survey to rate your expertise and experiences
Google Trainer Process

- Must submit a **three-minute video** which includes:
  - An introduction (1 minute)
  - Information about a part of the Google environment, highlighting one part of Google: Chromebooks, GAFE, Chrome, or Android Tablets (2 min)
  - Be sure that your video showcases who YOU are -- What is your teaching style

- Must submit a **Case Study**
  - Start Early and Gather LOTS of information
  - Best advice: Use the Template they provide
  - Collect data in order to show how others are growing due to your training
    - You collect and analyze data
  - Could make it your goal for your school year
  - Help students in your class/school become successful Google users
Google Trainer- What does it mean?

- Strike out on your own and teach others about the world of Google (Can get paid for your time!)
- Contribute to an Online Community of Trainers
- Connect with others
- Record your Trainings
  - You must have three trainings per quarter
  - All sessions count as one training
- Keep current on your testing
Google Innovator Process

- Apply for Google Innovator during the open application times- late fall and early spring
- Must be Level 1 and 2 Certified

Innovator process

- Involves writing a short essay concerning how you’ve contributed to the transformation of your teaching in your educational environment
- Provide examples of online content that you’ve created also needs to be submitted. These can take many forms depending on what media you’ve used.
- What you think is your ideal learning space for students and/or teachers will need to be designed using the appropriate media or methods.
- A Slides presentation will need to be created based on a template that will be supplied to you about a meaningful problem in education.
- Create a one minute video posted to YouTube supporting the content of your Vision Deck
Google Innovator Process - What does it mean?

- If Accepted
  - You’ll travel to the chosen location with that round of applicants for a weekend of training
  - Gain access to a network of other Google Innovators
  - Google may share information with you concerning news prior to widely released information
  - For the first year, you’ll have to work on your educational vision
Thank you

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Google link to slideshow:

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