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Introduction

At Edusoft, we are convinced that teachers are the key to successful implementation of any computerized language-learning program and as such they need to receive adequate training. Although many teachers are well trained and experienced in regular classroom delivery, the delivery of the computerized aspects of a language-learning program require additional and specific training.

Edusoft's **English Discoveries Online Teacher Training Program** is an in-depth training program designed to train both newly qualified and experienced teachers in **Blended Learning** – the integration of computer-assisted learning with teacher-led learning. Specifically, the training program focuses on the features of **English Discoveries Online** and how teachers can use them to maximize the experience of students.

The Training Program comprises a three-day schedule of sessions and an optional fourth day. The program is divided into day-long workshops which can either be given consecutively as part of an intensive course or as individual workshops spread over a longer time period. Each workshop consists of five distinct sessions, the length of which depend on the number of teachers being trained and the amount of time they are able to study each day. In general, however, it is expected that a group of 10 teachers need about one and a half hours for the first four sessions, with the final session of the day probably taking only half an hour. The optional fourth day workshop addresses the practical issues of integrating **English Discoveries Online** content with local curricula. Many institutions take advantage of Edusoft's teacher trainers during these sessions to create detailed working documents.

It should be noted that while the training program is designed to introduce teachers to working with **English Discoveries Online**, it is strongly recommend that teachers are also provided with periodic refresher workshops on integration and implementation in order to make sure that they deepen their knowledge of the program and continue working according to Edusoft's guidelines for integrating classroom and computer work.

If you would like more information about our teacher training programs, please contact your local Edusoft representative or email us at: trainers@edusoft.co.il

Introductory Teacher Training Timetable

The Training timetable addresses both practical and theoretical considerations for the successful implementation of EDO. Where possible, a hands-on approach is taken allowing trainees to experience the program from both a student and teacher perspective.

Day I:

Introduction to the objectives of the training program

- Opportunity for discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of CALL possible solutions to the problems
- Familiarization with the methodology that informs English Discoveries Online
- Familiarization of teachers with English Discoveries Online
- Hands-on practice of the program
- Demonstration of the uses of the Community Site

Day II:

- Familiarization of teachers with the *Teacher Management System*
- Hands-on practice of the *Teacher Management System*
- Presentation and demonstration of the Forums
- Experience in creating and moderating Forums
- Familiarization of teachers with the *English Discoveries Online* Assessment Tools

Day III:

- Familiarization of teachers with the Authoring Tool
- Familiarization of teachers with possible models of implementation
- Choice of the right model of implementation and discussion on its advantages
- Experience of an integrated lesson
- Demonstration and reflection on pre-, while-, and post-lab activities
- Discussion about the role of the teacher at four different stages in the course
- Discussion of the criteria for successfully completing the course

Day IV (Optional):

- Hands-on practice of the Authoring Tool
- Integration of EDO with local curriculum (Workshop)
- Development of Lesson Plans and Projects

English Discoveries Online Teacher Training Agenda

	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four (Optional)
Session 1	Introduction to the training course & Introduction to CALL	Teacher Management System: In-depth Presentation	Authoring Tool	Authoring Tool: Hands-on Practice
Session 2	English Discoveries Online: In-depth Presentation	Teacher Management System: Hands-on Practice	Models for Implementation and Case Studies	Integration Workshop
Session 3	English Discoveries Online: Hands-on of the course	Forums	Activities for Integrating EDO into school curriculum	Integration Workshop
Session 4	Demonstration and Hands-on of the Community Site	Assessment Tools	Implementation Steps of a Blended/Integrated Course	Developing Lesson Plans and Projects
Session 5	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection and Evaluation	

Key   Sessions take place in computer lab.