

Online Teaching Excellence Certificate



What is it?

The OTEC is a standardized certificate that assesses knowledge, skills and expertise of teachers in the online environment. The exam that leads to receiving the certificate is web-based and can be taken by anyone from anywhere.

The certificate is rewarded to every participants and consists of a score that composes of the results achieved in each of the seven categories tested.



Who is it for?

- All teachers and educators that are active in the digital space:
The OTEC is useful both for self-assessment and self-promotion. Also it can help lowering barriers for teachers to access the field of online teaching by giving an overview in which fields they already possess the necessary skills.
- Institutions and organizations providing and carrying out online training:
With certified in-house online teachers the reputation and perceived value of the provided online training rises. At the same time organizations can identify potential problems in the online training and take actions to increase quality further.



Why is it useful?

- Participants understand their own strengths and weaknesses.
- Participants can prove their expertise in online teaching in order to promote themselves or the institution they work for.
- Online teaching becomes comparable and standardized.



What is it based on?

The OTEC is being developed and constantly improved by pedagogy experts that specialize in online learning and posses experience in both facilitating and creating online courses. The categories and aspects tested are based on various scientific studies, university and school guidelines as well as research carried out by Skilltize with experienced online teachers.



What testing methods are used?

The OTEC consists of multiple choice and rankings but also requires longer answers to be given by the participants in which they refer to practical implementation of their knowledge. Answers to open questions are evaluated individually by Skilltize pedagogy experts.

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What categories are being assessed?

Participants are being assessed in seven main categories that are essential for successful online teaching:



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