

**Award Title: USDLA Excellence in Teaching/Training Award**

**Award Description: The Best Practice in Distance Learning Teaching/Training awards are given to outstanding individuals whose teaching demonstrate extraordinary achievements. The teaching or training must demonstrate effective learning facilitated through technology with measurable outcomes. One award is offered each year for each USDLA constituency: K12, Higher education, Corporate training, Telehealth, and Military/Government.**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Strong (5)</b>	<b>Medium (3)</b>	<b>Weak (1)</b>	<b>Sample Evidences</b>
<b>Pedagogy / Andragogy / Heutagogy (40%)</b>	Instructor implements instruction that recognizes the needs of learners. Instructor uses a variety of instructional strategies and techniques. Instructor is success oriented and monitors learner understanding.	Instructor uses few instructional strategies and meets the needs of some aspects of learners.	Instructor uses same instructional strategy most of the time. There is little variety in the instructional process.	Examples of instructional strategies and techniques including measurements of success and learner understanding.
<b>Assessment (30%)</b>	Instructor uses varied types of assessments that are aligned to the learning outcomes.	Instructor uses a few types of assessments and few authentic assessments.	Instructor utilizes one form of assessment.	Examples of assessments and lists of learning outcomes.
<b>Learning Engagement (30%)</b>	Instructor utilizes innovative, engaging and interactive methodologies including	Instructor uses standard engagement techniques with either inductive or deductive reasoning.	Instructor uses no visible engagement methods.	Examples of methodologies used.

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<b>Use of Tools (30%)</b>	Instructor uses best practices with instructional and distance technology tools. A variety of hands-on tools are available for different audiences and different technical skills capacities.	Instructor uses few if any technology tools or learning tools. Utilizes few hands on tools.	Instructor rarely uses technology tools.	Examples of instructional and technology tools.