Find out about CMALT

Certified Membership of the Association for Learning Technology

ALT-C 2009

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Introduction

CMALT is ALT's portfolio-based professional

accreditation scheme developed to enable people whose

work involves learning technology to:

▶ have their experience and capabilities certified by peers;

▶ demonstrate that they are taking a committed and serious approach to their professional development.

CMALT holders are learning technology **practitioners**, **teachers** and **researchers** from across the educational and commercial sectors.

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CMALT Candidates:

▸ register for the scheme

▸ receive guidance via e-mail and can access support resources online throughout the process

▸ join the CMALT Community online and have networking opportunities with their peers

▸ are members of ALT

▸ receive feedback after portfolio submission

▸ can apply to become CMALT assessors after they have achieved CMALT.

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New developments in 2009

- The **CMALT website** and all related documents are now updated
- The **JISC initiative** closed after 150 candidates received funding
- A **new initiative** funded by **Digital 20/20** for the Yorkshire & Humberside area started in June

- At **ALT-C 2009** we are celebrating the **100th CMALT holder** with more candidates achieving certified status every month
- CMALT candidates from all over the world have also started participating in online events like **webinars** to help with completing their portfolios and start networking.

CMALT Community - http://cmalt-net.alt.ac.uk

My CMALT journey:

Kirsten Thompson, University of Leeds
VLE Training and Development Officer

July 08 > Feb 09
Registered under JISC initiative

Slow > no time @ work
Stopping & starting > difficult to focus
Challenging > juggling work, studies & CMALT

BUT
Interesting to reflect on progress in new role
Interesting to make connections between different roles
Useful > ALT documentation
Support & flexibility from ALT

The benefits

- Useful for Staff review process

- Professional recognition

- Useful for CV (previously on fixed term contract – CMALT status starting to appear as 'desirable' for some posts)

- Up-to-date portfolio of my work

- Maintaining CMALT = on-going professional development

How I use CMALT now

- Support: for other colleagues & peers wanting to achieve CMALT

- Expand staff development provision @ UoL: SDDU CMALT Fast Track Support > opportunity to offer staff development provision specifically targeted @ learning technology colleagues

- Network: (http://cmalt-net.alt.ac.uk) value being part of learning technology community

And finally . . .

- Plan your portfolio > mind mapping, checklists, evidence

- Read the guidelines . . . . . . they DO help ⍰

- Set aside quality time & set milestones

- Don't write too much

- Make use of the CMALT online community

Experience of being CMALT

Fawei Geng

A CMALT member

2005

Pause to reflect

A CMALT assessor

2006

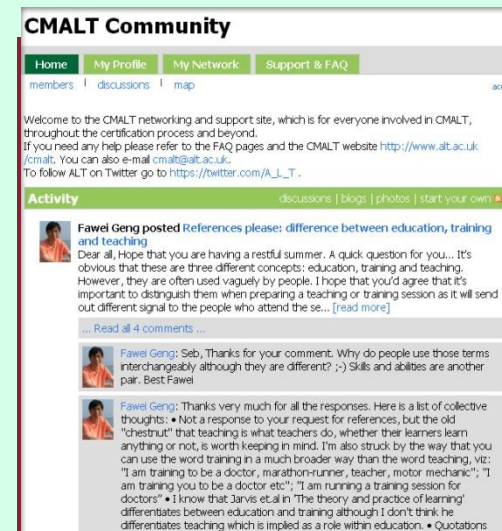People from a wide range of backgrounds with a variety of knowledge & skills

The CMALT community

You are not alone!

http://cmalt-net.alt.ac.uk/

Develop into a
Community of Practice

Thank you...

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Next steps

Registration & completion

Information about how to register and registration forms can be accessed via http://www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt.html . If you have registered and need help with completing your portfolio e-mail cmalt@alt.ac.uk, join the **CMALT Community** or use the resources on the **CMALT Website**.

Continued development

Once you are Certified Member of ALT you can get involved in the **community** further, apply to become an **assessor** and continue a process of **reflection** and **accreditation** via the CMALT review process every 3 years.

Further information

▸ Information about CMALT can be accessed online http://www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt.html

▸ Or you can e-mail cmalt@alt.ac.uk

▸ For information about ALT visit the ALT website http://www.alt.ac.uk or e-mail admin@alt.ac.uk

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