



# Critical Digital Pedagogy and Instructional Approaches in Online Relationship Education



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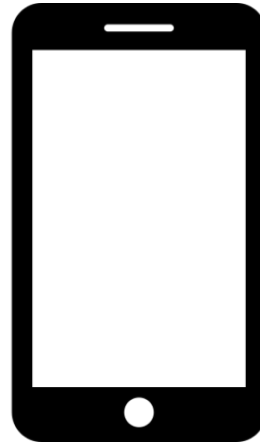


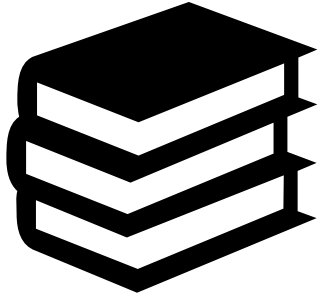
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## My personal story

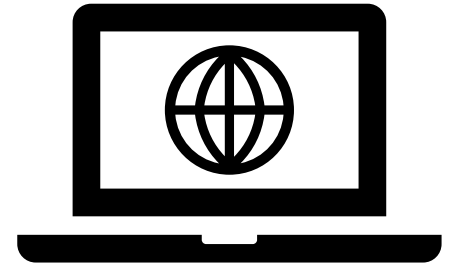
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education work  
well in an  
online format?**





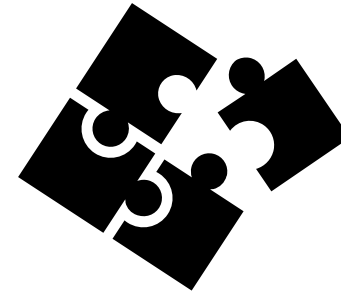
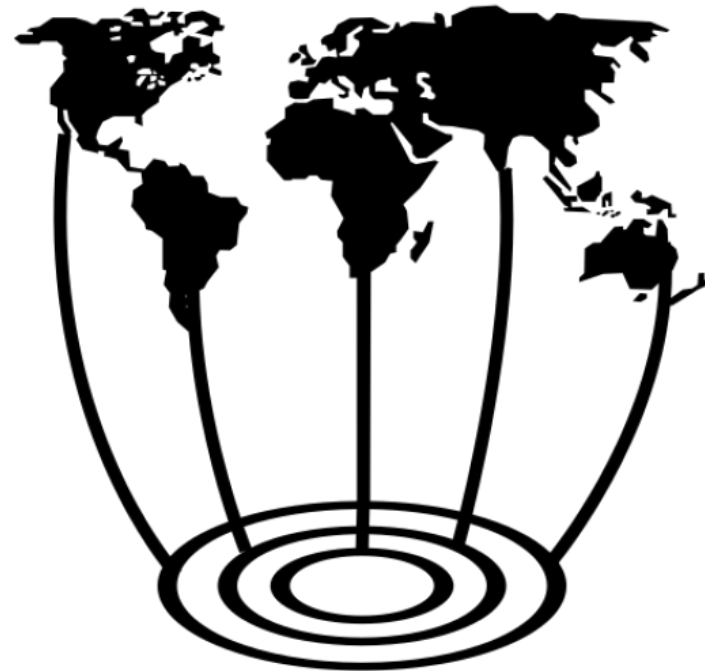
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## Stumbling upon Critical Digital Pedagogy

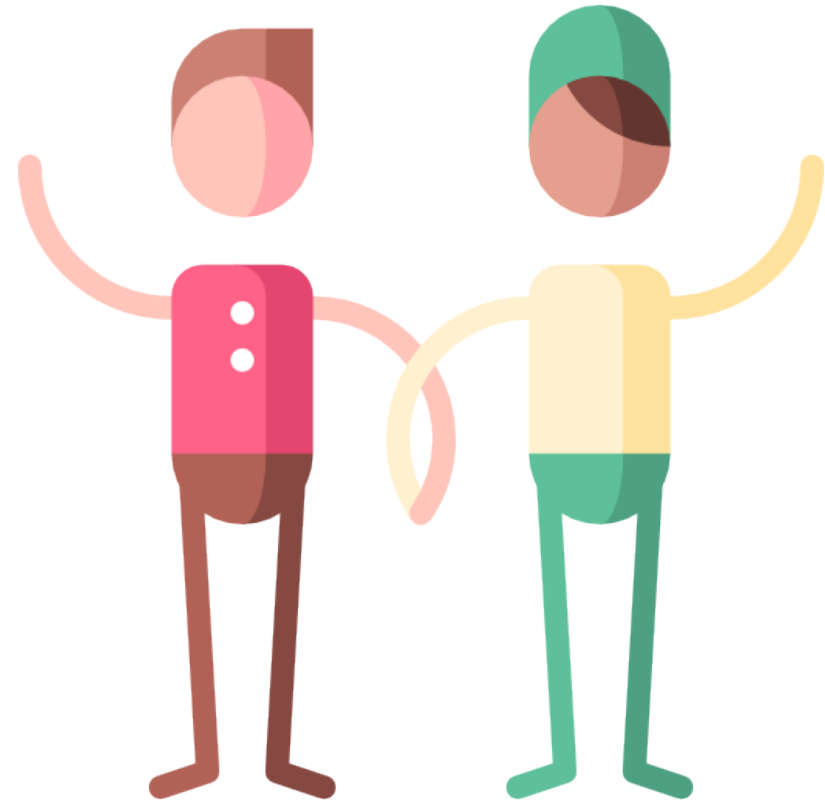
# Critical Digital Pedagogy in an online learning environment



# Instructional Considerations



Instructor Competencies

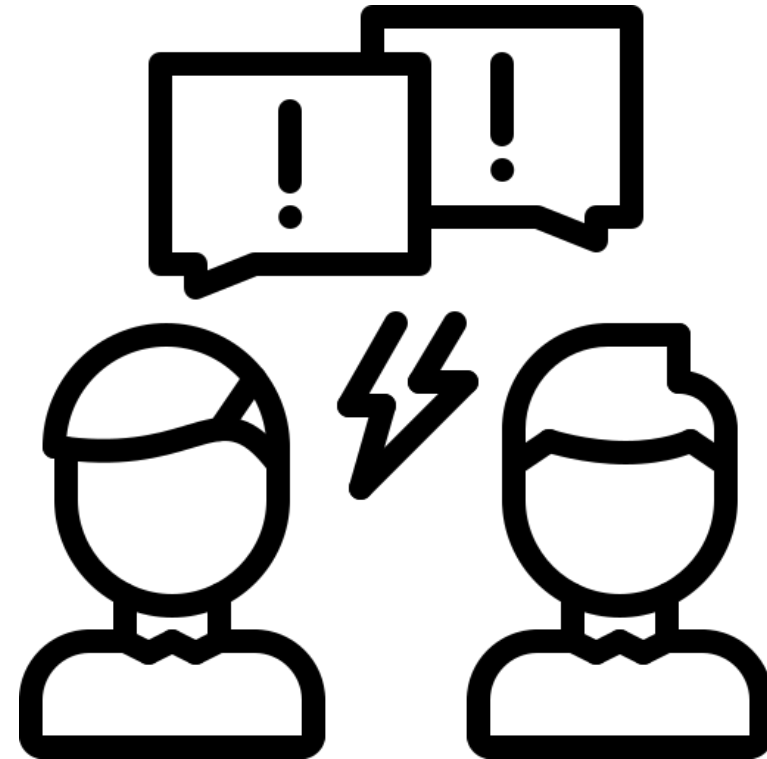


Learner Needs  
and Expectations

# Consider the intercultural classroom



Language and terminology



Potential for conflict and misunderstanding



# Screenshots from my final project

The screenshot displays a course interface with a navigation bar at the top. On the left, a sidebar shows a progress indicator at 0% COMPLETE and a list of course items. The main content area features a lecture titled "Personal Values and Shared Values" with a graphic of sunglasses and the text "SEEING THE SAME THING THROUGH AN EXPERIENCE". Below the lecture, a discussion forum is open, showing a comment from an instructor titled "Two Cultures" with a text input field and a "Post Comment" button.

**Navigation Bar:** Previous Lecture (left), Complete and continue (right)

**Sidebar:** 0% COMPLETE

**Week 2: Commitment**

- Week 2 Objectives:
- In this Together
- Personal Values and Shared Values**
- Identity Exercise: I accept all of who you are
- What will we learn, unlearn, and relearn?
- Optional: Weekly Group Video Call

**Week 3: Courage**

- Week 3 Objectives
- Bringing it all together
- The story of Us
- Us and our family
- Our vision for our future

**Lecture Content:** Personal Values and Shared Values

SEEING THE SAME THING THROUGH AN EXPERIENCE

**Discussion:** Post a comment

**Instructor:** Two Cultures

Leave a comment...

Post Comment

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**Week 1: Curiosity**

- ✓ Week 1 Objectives
- ✓ Worksheet: Foundations of a good relationship
- ✓ Intercultural communication essentials during the holidays (0:51)
- ✓ Real Talk: What stresses me most about the holidays
- ✓ Your Soundtrack: Because every good journey needs a playlist
- ✓ Quiz
- Optional: Weekly Group Video Call

**Week 2: Commitment**

- Week 2 Objectives:
- In this Together
- Personal Values and Shared

### Optional: Weekly Group Video Call

Hi All,

I can't wait to hear how your first week has been!

Join us in an optional group conversation on Zoom this upcoming week.

Let us know what times work best for you by filling out the survey below.

We're so honored to support you on this learning experience.

More to come soon,

Kristina & Joaquin

#### Weekly Group Video Call

1. Would you like to join the group video calls each week?

- Yes
- No



In Michelle Obama's recent memoir, *Becoming*, the former First Lady of the United States tells her life story in three different chapters: Becoming Me, Becoming Us, and Becoming More.

In narrative psychology, research has shown that **how** you tell (or "narrate") your story directly affects the experience of how you live your life. Many people live their entire lives without reflecting on how they have been self-narrating. Many are unaware that how you tell your story influences your perception of events and changes in your life.

# More Resources



[DigitalPedagogyLab.com](https://DigitalPedagogyLab.com)

[LovelsRespect.org](https://LovelsRespect.org)

[OurRelationship.com](https://OurRelationship.com)

[Marriage365.org](https://Marriage365.org)

[GetLasting.com](https://GetLasting.com)

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**Thank you!**

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