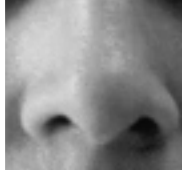


## Universal Design Education Online



The Universal Design Education Online (UDEO) website is a resource for people involved in teaching and learning about universal design. The organizers invite design educators and practitioners to visit the site, respond to the submitters through the Discussion Forum, and consider a submission. The interactive site has been developed collaboratively by the Center for Universal Design in the College of Design at North Carolina State University, the School of Architecture and Planning at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Elaine Ostroff of the Global Universal Design Educator's Network. Funding for the project is provided by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), a division of the U.S. Department of Education.

The primary goals of the project are to increase the capacity of design educators to teach universal design values as well as to increase the capacity of design practitioners to incorporate universal design principles into their projects. Toward that end, the project team developed a web site to support the teaching and study of universal design anywhere in the world through the shared use of teaching resources. It also provided a place where educators could interact with each other. The site was designed for use by faculty members, students (of any age and stage), and user/experts – people with disabilities who use and/or inhabit the built environment. The site supports professional design education as well as professional development and continuing education, and the teaching of children in

kindergarten through grade twelve (U.S.).

The web site for Universal Design Education Online is located at the URL [www.udeducation.org](http://www.udeducation.org). The site features a variety of materials for a range of disciplines, levels, and interests including:

- Instructional materials such as course syllabi, course modules, sample assignments, and evaluation methods;
- Content resources such as excellent examples of universal design and full text of classic universal design writings;
- An annotated bibliography of other available materials;
- Links to relevant online resources.

The interactive site also provides online support for educators including a discussion forum, and an online journal is planned for the future. For students of universal design, the site offers a listing of universal design programs and courses offered worldwide. For all visitors, the site contains a calendar of events both upcoming and archived.

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