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### **MODERN EXPERIENCE OF THE USA IN DISTANCE LEARNING**

In modern universities, distance learning is now an integral part of the educational process. It is used to educate university students, intercollegiate exchange courses, the continuing education system, and plays a large role in preparing high school students for university study. First of all, it's due to the fact that it is possible to organize a high level of teaching at low cost, as well as to improve and maintain it.

In spring 2020, under the conditions of stay-at-home policy provided by most countries, the importance of distant education is obvious. There are lots of different resources that can be used by university teachers, and the experience of the USA is worth studying.

The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) suggests different resources and webinars regarding distance and online learning. As global events keep students from attending school in person, teachers need to quickly extend learning programs into home and virtual environments. Leaders from world leading companies, such as Logitech and Google offer tips for implementing effective distance learning programs. The programs explore bridging the gap between school and home learning environments, best practices for virtual classrooms that boost engagement and confidence and resources and technological considerations.

Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT), a community of staff, volunteers, and members who work together in various ways to provide users of OER (Open Educational Resource) teaching and learning materials with a wealth of services and functions that can enhance their instructional experience. MERLOT and SkillsCommons (a free and open online

library created by the US Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) have created free online resource to help both Teachers and Students prepare to start teaching and learning online.

For teachers they offer online mini-courses to help them learn the basics for teaching online. The courses have been developed by higher ed for higher ed funded by federal grants. It is possible to download the course files or take the course "in the cloud".

MERLOT provides teachers with a collection of free and open virtual labs across a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines that can be very effective in supporting online instruction for laboratory courses. The Virtual Labs portal also provides a collection of teaching ePortfolios by faculty implementing virtual labs and research on the effectiveness of using virtual labs. There also are collections of simulations that can support laboratory-like experiences in non-STEM disciplines, such as Arts, Business, Education, Humanities, Social Sciences and Workforce Development.

PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) provides educational television programming to public television stations in the United States. PBS master trainers and educators recommend tips and techniques to support engaging, effective, at-home learning, as well as share content, tools, and integrations for digital classroom instruction.

The learning communities in the USA, such as pre K-12, higher education, continuing education, corporate training, military and government training, home schooling, and telehealth are provided by all necessary information to successfully learn from home. Studying the experience of world leaders in distant education can be very useful for Ukrainian teachers and greatly enrich the experience of our country.

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