

# EQUIP Online

## FAQ

### **How will I access the class?**

You will access your class entirely online through IBSA's web based courseservice, Moodle. To see a short walkthrough of how a class is set up, [watch this video](#).

### **Do I have to attend class at certain days and times?**

No. Equip Online courses are what is known as "asynchronous," meaning all learners and the instructor are not required to do learning activities at the same time. You will have reading, videos, or assignments to complete each week, but you decide when you will be online, do the reading, and complete work each week.

### **Will I have any live interaction with other learners or the instructor?**

Yes! Most courses have several optional "live virtual classroom" offered during the duration of the course. These video classrooms occur during evening hours and allow live video interaction with the instructor and other learners in the class.

### **What if I cannot attend a "live virtual classroom" session because of my schedule?**

That's okay. First, these are optional learning experiences. They are not required to be able to complete the course. Second, they are recorded and made available the next day for students who are unable to attend but would like to review the discussion and learn.

### **What is a Certificate Program? Do I need to be in this to enroll?**

First, no, you do not have to be in a certificate program to take a course! However, starting June 6, IBSA will launch the NEW Equip Online Certificate program, and leaders will be able to take various Equip online courses and receive a certificate in as early as 12 months in the following areas of ministry:

- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Certificate in Deacon's Ministry
- Certificate in Pastoral Leadership

## Certificate in Women's Ministry

There is no extra fee for being in a certificate program. All courses will be taught by experienced leaders who bring a practical, hands-on approach to very relevant ministry topics. For more information on Equip Online, contact Linda Darden at 217-391-3137 or email at [LindaDarden@ibsa.org](mailto:LindaDarden@ibsa.org)