



*While you've  
been juggling  
your work,  
family and  
community  
responsibilities,  
you've learned  
more than you  
get credit for.*

# ePortfolio

Do you expect your students to have one? **Do you have one?**

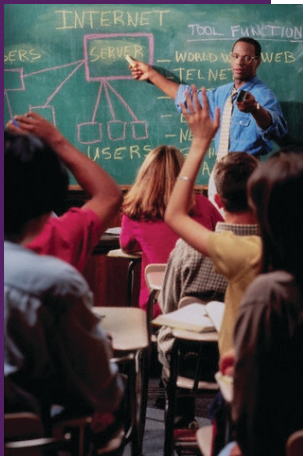
*Would you like to know more?*

The electronic portfolio – **ePortfolio** – is making waves in the worlds of education, training, career and human resources management, lifelong learning, learning management, digital media and eLearning. There are good reasons!

**Fellow educators, the ePortfolio represents opportunities and challenges for your students and yourselves:**

- new ways of teaching, assessing and managing your students' learning
- new ways of recording your teaching experience and managing your career
- new skills for both your students and yourselves

**At FuturEd, we absolutely believe that it is easiest for educators to help students and maximize the advantages of ePortfolios if the educators themselves have ePortfolio experience.**



**Many schools and universities require students to generate and use ePortfolios.** To achieve that, teachers and instructors need to apply new teaching skills associated with Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) — reflective learning, authentic assessment, digital archiving to name but a few.

### **FuturEd rLearning™ ePortfolio Services are here to:**

- Advise about the selection and implementation of ePortfolio environments.
- Help educators to create and use your own ePortfolios.
- Help teachers learn and practice new skills for using ICT, reflective learning, digital archiving and authentic assessment.
- Help educators learn multiple uses for ePortfolios for yourselves and your students.

## **Target audiences for our ePortfolio Services are:**

- Teachers, instructors and professors at all levels of formal education
- Trainers, tutors and mentors in formal and non-formal education
- Education administrators and learning managers
- Human resources managers and trainers
- Government departments and agencies with ePortfolio mandates and initiatives

## **For educators and education leaders, FuturEd rLearning™ ePortfolio services provides:**

- Online registration, information, resources and ongoing support
- An ePortfolio tool and personal learning environment for each participant
- Training workshops targeted to group needs, in convenient locations for educators and/or online:
  - *designed to and evaluated against the international Open eQuality Learning Standards*
  - *offered in small groups to enhance synergy and creativity*
  - *focused on actual, hands-on ePortfolio development*

- inclusive of lunch and refreshments on training days
- based on the latest ePortfolio developments and opportunities
- structured around tailored training curriculum that is continuously updated resulting in a complete and useful ePortfolio for each participant
- offered by trainers with teaching experiences like yours
- Online support (upon request) and mentoring (routinely by trainer) for trainees
- Secure, ongoing ePortfolio storage within Canada, access controlled by the ePortfolio owner
- Continuing access to ePortfolio information and developments
- Development of networks for peer support and an ePortfolio community of practice
- Impact and ROI tools and analysis for individuals and for groups

*Naturally, when educators create and use our own ePortfolios, we can better help students and we can better implement institutional policies and learning innovations.*

# Educators who develop ePortfolios will see Benefits...

## *...from the Process.*

*You will:*

- understand the important aspect of the process fully and see that the process is just as important as the product.
- be able to empathize with students as they create, find or request their own evidence.
- develop an appreciation for the challenges that are experienced while writing a reflective statement that identifies learning.
- have the opportunity to explore more fully who your students are, what they know and can do.
- assess strengths and interests which allows for exploration of career options.
- refresh your skills in documenting life-long learning experiences.
- develop and use important skills using computers, Internet and digital media.

## *...from the Product.*

*You will:*

- have a record of personal learning with documents and digital artifacts that prove formal and informal learning.
- be able to demonstrate professional growth and show a commitment to continued learning.
- have an organized collection of evidence that can be used as a job search tool if needed.
- have a tool to showcase skills and knowledge to employers when seeking a new position or a promotion.
- be able to identify strengths and/or weaknesses to help with future professional development decisions.
- be able to assess strengths and make informed decisions on career options.
- have clear documentation to assist with Prior Learning Assessment and be able to link learning to learning outcomes.
- even have the evidence needed for PLA or RPL credits when pursuing continued education.
- create a digital archive of your many achievements and accomplishments.

## The FuturEd Learning Portfolio implementation training curriculum includes:

- how to recognize learning in all environments – formal (at school), informal (in the community), non-formal (workplace training and experience), and incidental (lifelong learning).
- how to describe acquired skills and knowledge with supporting evidence
- how to create digital evidence and store it in your ePortfolio
- skills associated reflective learning and authentic assessment
- numerous ways to use one's own ePortfolio
- numerous ways to use student ePortfolios in the classroom and in transitions

**Take this information to your training officer, your PD coordinator, your administration. Get a group together. Get started on your ePortfolio. Register today.**

**[www.FuturEd.com](http://www.FuturEd.com)**

