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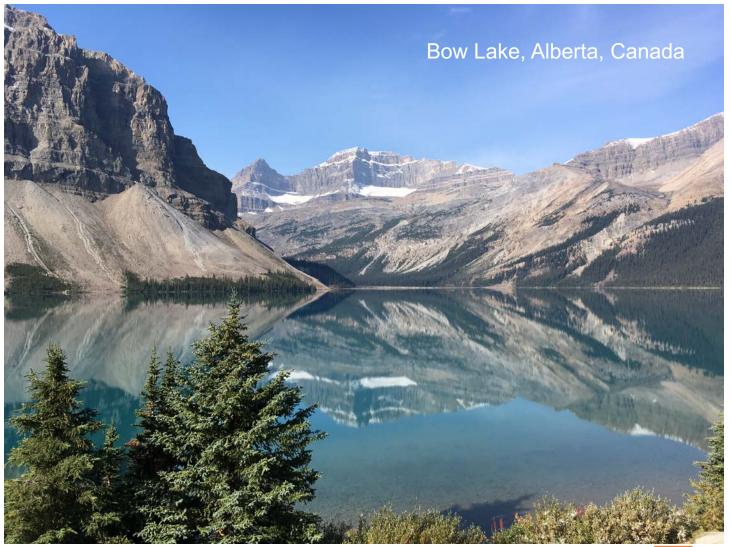
# LEARNING TO LEARNING ONLINE: LEARNER REFLECTIONS

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#### Agenda

- Demographic characteristics of sample teacher-learners
- Think-pair-share: online learning experiences
- Examples of reflection from LTLO
- Reflect on what you have heard: importance of reflection in online learning



#### Learning outcomes

- Reflect on your own online learning experiences
- Consider how novice online learners perceive their experiences
- Contemplate changes to your online (teaching and learning) practices

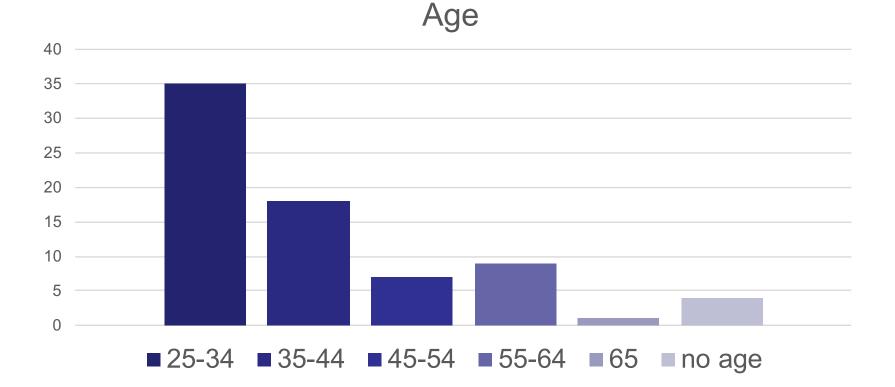


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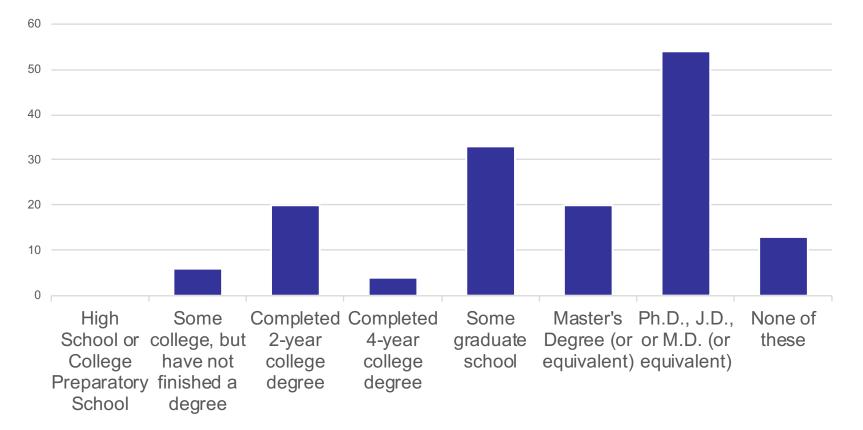


#### **Teacher-learner participants\***



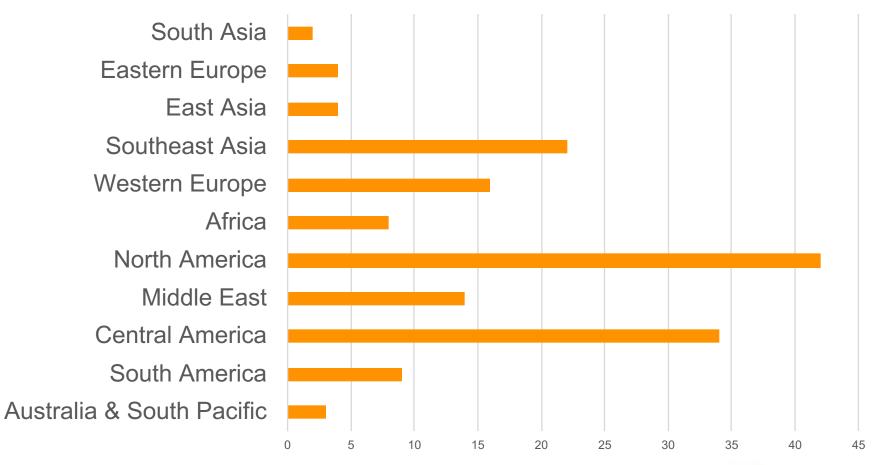
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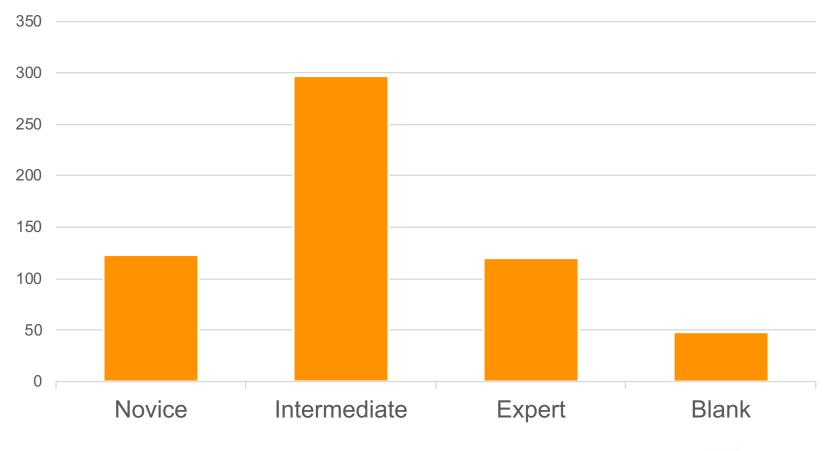


#### Location





#### **General technical skills**





### Think – pair – share

- Reflect on your online learning experiences
  - Teacher
  - Designer
  - Learner
- Where/ how was the experience?
  - Disruptive
  - Transformational
  - Inspiring
  - Other



### **Report back**

• 5 minutes



# LTLO participant reflections: precourse educational goals

- Evidence of **intent** as teacher-learners:
  - I want to be a staff teacher in the university and make use of innovative technologies
  - I expect to learn a lot from the MOOC course and then, as a teacher, provide my students with the necessary tools and tips to make them improve on the way they learn
  - To become an expert online educator
  - To learn all I can about assessment and teaching



# LTLO participant reflections: precourse personal/ professional goals

- Evidence of **intent** in professional goals:
  - Learning online techniques will help me
    - to succeed
    - to improve my teaching
    - to encourage my students to learning online
    - to understand my role as a teacher and as a student
    - to be an effective influencer to our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners
    - to gain confidence



# LTLO teacher-learner reflections: post-course goals

From this course I have learned

- strategies to share with my students as well as strategies to learn by myself
- to be aware of learners' online struggles
- to understand myself better
- I can be a better teacher understanding better my students
- to better my teaching learning process in the classroom with the ideas



#### **Other general reflections**

- I like the reflections
- I like the portfolio at the end since it was very helpful to reflect upon the things I like to do
- I think all of them [the activities] are helpful since I'm a first timer... helped me realize that we should read and understand
- If I practice what I have read, my learning becomes stronger
- I consider the course helpful! It was good to reflect on my learning preferences



### Think – pair – share

Following Rose: reflection, then action:

- What did you hear? Anything new?
- How have teacher-learner perspectives affected you?
- Do they resonate with your experience?
- What might you do differently in your practice?
  - Teacher
  - Designer
  - Learner



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