

A little history about the inception of our Distance Learning webinar series

CORE has launched a webinar series that is packed with resources and information about Distance Learning in Deaf Education.

Our Outreach team at California School for the Deaf developed our first distance learning videos eight or nine years ago. Back then, we videotaped a presenter with a PowerPoint slide presentation that people would be able to watch. Then with the recent COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, and with the advent of Zoom, we were able to take it to the next level.

We have a wealth of skilled experts in the field of Deaf Education within the CORE department at California School for the Deaf. Our specialists offer different areas of training through CORE University. In addition, our specialists have provided information and technical support through phone consultations and presentations to people who were visiting our campus to learn from our curriculum. CORE provides resources to Deaf and hard of hearing teachers, local education agencies, directors of special education programs, researchers, and international visitors who come to California School for the Deaf to learn about our curriculum so that they can bring that information back to their country. Now through our webinars, we can bring CORE University to the internet. Wow!

We started our first webinar on September 25 with just a small number of local participants. Our weekly webinar series has grown exponentially to include participants from all over the country and Canada who are joining us. We are utilizing our own CORE specialists, as well as a network of outside presenters whom we feel are have valuable well-researched beneficial information. We have invited many people from different backgrounds, including the medical profession, who have been joining us.

With COVID-19 presenting the need for distance learning, combined with the ability we have now to present webinars through Zoom, combined the wonderful partnership we have with our interpreters, we are able to present this amazing series of webinars.