



Teaching and Learning Online Advanced Certification Series

Building Online Communities

Online Blackboard Training

Overview

In this workshop, you will gain knowledge of the advanced tools and features that encourage and support a collaborative online learning environment. First, you will learn best practices for managing discussions through question design and targeted grading criteria. Then, you will learn ways to incorporate Blackboard Journals and Blogs into your instruction to encourage reflective learning. Finally, you will plan group activities that fit your instructional goals and encourage teamwork. At the end of the course, you will reflect on the Blackboard communication tools available to build online community.

The *Teaching and Learning Online* Advanced Certification Series extends and enhances your use of Blackboard Learn- Course Delivery* technology. Upon completion of the series, you will receive an “Advanced Teaching and Learning Online Certificate” issued by Blackboard Inc. The *Teaching and Learning Online* Advanced Certification Series consists of three courses:

- Part I: Designing Engaging Content
- Part II: Building Online Communities
- Part III: Monitoring Student Performance

Course Objectives

- Identify best practices for designing discussion questions
- Use grading criteria to encourage student participation
- Design engaging Journal and Blog activities
- Name several benefits of reflective learning
- Use instructor comments for guiding and encouraging student work
- Assign groups to best fit instructional goals
- Enable group collaboration tools
- Summarize tips for facilitating and assessing group works

Who Should Attend

Instructors, course designers, and instructional support personnel who will be teaching or supporting blended or fully online courses using:

- Blackboard Learn™ - Course Delivery module (Release 9.x)
- Blackboard Learning System™ (Releases 6.x, 7.x, 8.0)

Duration and Costs

- Course is 14 days in length
 - Participants should expect to spend approximately 15-20 hours to complete the course activities
- 390 USD per person
- Printed or online materials do not need to be purchased for this course
- A Blackboard practice course will be provided to each participant to use for course development

Location

- Fully online/asynchronous

Prerequisites

- Completion of the *Teaching and Learning Online* Instructor Certification Series, or demonstration of intermediate level skills in facilitating Blackboard courses
- Computer that meets the minimum technical requirements for using the Blackboard Learn platform
- Email and Internet access
- Materials from a traditional or online course to be used in development activities



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Registration Information

Register for Building Online Communities using our online Training Registration Center at <http://trainingcenter.blackboard.com/trainingcenter/>. Enrollment in each course is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Registrants will receive a welcome email from the facilitator on the morning of the course start date with all necessary course access information. If you have any questions, please contact Blackboard Training at training@blackboard.com. ***Please note that registration for this course closes 2 business days prior to the listed start date.**

* **Note:** Prior to Release 9.0, this was known as the Blackboard Learning System™.