



Blackboard

# Teaching and Learning Online Advanced Certification Series

## Building Online Communities

Online Blackboard Training

### Overview

In this workshop, you will learn 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, Blogs, and Wikis 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 explore ways to assess student contributions in Discussions, Blogs, Journals, and Wikis.

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.
- Design engaging Journal and Blog activities.
- Identify instructional applications for wikis.
- Build a strategy for managing group activities.
- Explore ways to assess Discussion, Journal, Blog, and Wiki contributions.

### 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)

### Duration and Costs

- Course is 14 days in length
  - Participants should expect to spend approximately 10 - 12 hours to complete the course activities
- 410 USD per person
- Printed or online materials do not need to be purchased for this course

### 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)
- Internet 7 or 8, or Firefox 3.5 or 3.6, or Safari 4 or 5
- Email and high speed Internet access

### 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](mailto:training@blackboard.com). **\*Please note that registration for this course closes 2 business days prior to the listed start date.**