



Spring 2014 Educational Technology Newsletter



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Blackboard Learn Implementation

To better serve students with a reliable course management system, on December 26, 2013, all courses in Blackboard were successfully moved to the server hosted by Blackboard, Inc. Blackboard has maintained a good standing since.

The weekly Blackboard maintenance is scheduled on Fridays from 2:00 am - 5:00 am. During this time, Blackboard will be down.

Distance Learning

Winter 2013

Nine online courses were offered with 239 seats, which count 80% of enrollment. Most online students are from 4-year institutions.

Among 239 students, 91% of students received C or above, a much higher success rate than in Spring, Fall, or Summer terms.

Spring 2014

Fifty online courses are offered with 1348 seats enrolled. It reflects a 25% increase over Spring 2013. We provided five sessions of campus orientation with one session was online via WebEx.

To help students better prepare for taking an online course, a Radio Interview was done with Yi Guan-Raczkowski on Middlesex Moment. <http://mxcc.edu/media/555>

Summer and Fall 2014

Forty-four online courses are scheduled in three summer sessions: two 5-week sessions and one 10-week session.

Fifty-eight online courses are scheduled for Fall 2014 and the projected seats will be reaching 1,400. Campus orientation sessions are scheduled to help students get started. The schedule is posted at <http://mxcc.edu/distance/campus-orientation>

Management of Non-Credit Online Courses—Ed2Go

Starting in Spring 2014, non-credit online courses partnered with Educational To Go, Inc. are managed under Distance Learning/Educational Technology department.

We have updated Ed2Go online offerings at www.ed2go.com/mxcc with a new college logo, new courses, and updated pricing.

Information about Ed2Go non-credit offerings has been integrated to Distance Learning pages at <http://mxcc.edu/distance>.

Ed2Go online courses start on the third Wednesdays of every month and runs for 6 weeks. Like credit online courses, they are instructor-led and aim to engage students in active participation using discussion forums.

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Founders 131/131A

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Class assignments and exams are provided to assess learning outcomes. There are more than 500 courses available at an affordable cost. A full catalog of Ed2Go courses can be found at <http://www.ed2go.com/mxcc>.

Educational Technology

Technology Hands-on sessions were offered in New Student Orientations before Spring semester.

Blackboard workshops were provided in January and March to help new faculty learn Blackboard.

The March 7th “Technology Showcase—Engaging the 21st Century Learner” conference attracted more than 100 people from Connecticut higher education institutions. It was sponsored by Patty Raymond at the MxCC Center for Teaching and President Wasescha’s office. The event was co-chaired by Tamara Ottum, Systems Librarian, Sandra Couture, Educational Technology Specialist in Distance Learning, and Randi Plake, Communication Specialist in Marketing and Public Relations. The staff in the departments of Information Technology, Media Services, and Maintenance provided tremendous assistance to keep the showcase running smoothly. Volunteers from Instructional Resources Management Committee also provided assistance. Booths for the MxCC Computer Club and the new Media Studies program were also featured.

Last Session - Spring 2014 Technology Training

Mobile Learning Apps

Prerequisite: Faculty and staff must bring either an iPod, iPhone or iPad with touch screen to the training session.

We will demonstrate a few useful apps with time to answer specific questions geared towards using and customizing your iDevice (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad) for use in Student Support and Teaching.

Friday, 4/11/14 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Stay tuned for more training in Summer and Fall 2014 at <http://mxcc.edu/ett>

Registration for training is required. Location for training will be given upon registration.

Complete schedule available at: <http://mxcc.edu/ett>

Register by emailing mxccdistanace@mxcc.edu with your name, phone number, date, time and title of the training session you would like to attend.

More training sessions offered at other ConnSCU institutions may be found in the [Training Calendar](#) at calendar.ct.edu. Select the Title of a training session to be offered at another college or university, click on “Register” icon (upper right). Fill out the registration form and then click on “Submit”.

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