



Fall Kick-Off Teaching Conference August 13-14, 2008

Conference Outcomes

Participants will leave the conference with:

1. At least three instructional strategies to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of their courses;
2. Increased confidence in their ability to use various technologies for instruction, and;
3. An awareness of teaching resources available at FSU.

Wednesday, August 13

Pre-Conference Sessions – Attend one or both

Carothers (MCH) 302

9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Blackboard: Level 1

Receive hands-on practice with a Blackboard (Bb) course website. First-time Bb users will request a site for their courses and learn basic operations such as changing the design, uploading files and posting announcements. Participants will also be introduced to general best practices for efficiency and effectiveness.

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Blackboard: Level 2

Experience a hands-on demonstration of the enhanced Discussion Board, Announcement, Gradebook and Submit Assignment features in Blackboard (Bb). This session is for those who have used Bb and are interested in adding to their skills. Participants will also be introduced to general best practices for efficiency and effectiveness.

Thursday, August 14

Conference Sessions

Carothers (MCH) 303

9:00 – 9:45 A.M.

Welcome, Conference Overview, & Introductions

9:45 – 10:30 A.M.

Using the 7 Principles of Good Teaching with Contemporary Students

Discuss how Chickering & Gamson's "*7 Principles of Good Practice in Undergraduate Education*" can help today's students learn most effectively.

10:30 – 10:45 A.M.

Break

10:45 – 11:30 A.M.

Engaging Lecture and Discussion Strategies

Make lectures more engaging for students by incorporating media and active-learning techniques. Tips for stimulating discussions will also be addressed.

11:30 – 12:15 P.M.

Assessing What You Teach

Ensure that assessments (tests, papers, and projects) match the learning objectives and course content and are administered in effective and secure ways.

**Thursday, August 14
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- 12:15 – 1:45 P.M.** **Working Lunch** - Lunch will be provided.
- 1:45 – 2:30 P.M.** **Connecting with Your Students through Technology**
Learn about instructional technologies beyond the course Bb site that can enhance student learning. Participants will be introduced to podcasting, Skype videoconferencing, and other tools.
- 2:30 – 2:45 P.M.** **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 P.M.** **FSU Libraries: Your Partners in Teaching**
Representatives from the FSU Libraries will be on hand to describe services and resources, such as the Digital Media Center, available to the FSU community.
- 3:15 – 4:15 P.M.** **Panel: Stimulating Creativity and Energy in the Classroom**
Participate in a wide-ranging discussion on classroom management, maintaining civility, "productive pandemonium," student involvement, and interaction.
- 4:15 – 4:30 P.M.** **Going Forward**
Discuss how CTL can assist you in having a successful semester.

To register, please visit <http://ctl.fsu.edu/catalog> or contact ctl@campus.fsu.edu.