



Online at FT

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Question of the Week

Q: Is there a website for Blackboard help?

A: Yes. Visit Francis Tuttle Technology Center's Blackboard help site for Instructors, students, and parents at:
<http://blackboard.francistuttle.com>

eLearning Services

Content Conversion

We can convert your LAP content into the ideal format for Web presentation.

Test Conversion

We can convert your word tests and put them into your Blackboard course.

Lecture-on-Demand Services

Have your classroom lectures recorded and prepared for on-demand playback either in the classroom or online.

Video Conversion & Streaming

Convert VHS or DVDs to make them available online for "streaming playback" on-demand. Schedule this service and makes at-home viewing of video content a possibility for your students.

GoStream Technology

Digitally records and encodes instructor presentations along with PowerPoint slides, overhead images (Elmo), and other materials.

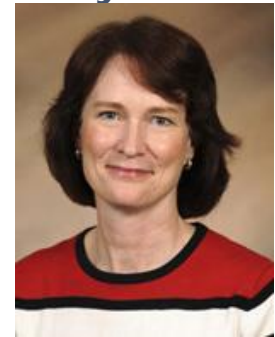
Podcasts & Audio Recording

Let ELS help you access and maximize the benefits of podcasting and audio recording tools.

Blackboard Training and Support

Do you need just-in-time Blackboard training to resolve an online course development issue? What about a summer workshop to get started or continue building an online course? eLearning Services has training options to meet your needs.

Instructor Spotlight – Debi Atchley



As a classroom teacher, I would give each student a copy of the PowerPoints used for classroom lecture. Some students used them and others didn't. That's when I decided to use Blackboard to post the PowerPoints so that those that wanted the PowerPoints could get them before and/or after class.

Then, one day a student asked for the LAP study guide to be posted so they could download it and type their answers on it. Suddenly, I was receiving requests for all the class study guides to be posted. I was happy to find a way to help the students study in their preferred manner.

I felt like these electronic resources were saving me instructional time, so I looked for other items to post. Next, I added forms to reduce the constant interruption students needing a hard copy of a form that we, most likely, had run out of. Then I decided to post the students schedules for clinicals and lab, in a Blackboard course.

Consequently, I began posting small review quizzes and extra credit items, which freed me from having to supply these individually to those who needed them and put the responsibility back in the students hands to access all necessary resources.

Also, I began placing recorded classroom lectures in Bb which allowed an absent student to "make up" the lecture without individual attention from me.

Eventually, the list of items offered became so extensive that our team decided to try to place all the instructional materials online. That has led to the development of the CRT to RRT online program and prospects for many other online classes.

Instructor Recommended Best Practices

Question: How can I use pictures from my digital camera in my Blackboard course?

Answer: Blackboard supports several still image file types. One very common file type for digital still cameras is JPEG and that is supported by Bb. A common issue is that many digital cameras output high resolution images and they are large files. They will need to be reduced in size so they will display correctly in the course and fit on the screen. With an image editing program such as Photoshop, you can easily make the image smaller. Please call Rich at extension 4236 if you need help.