

Greetings from CLEAR
Attention All Interested UNT Denton Faculty

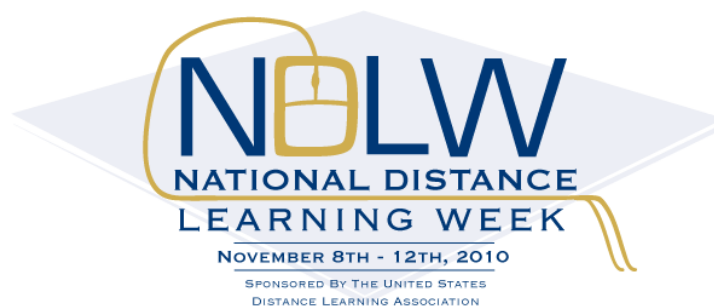


*Please join CLEAR in celebrating
National Distance Learning Week*

Please join us online during the week of **November 8th – 12th, 2010** for **FREE** webinars offered by the United States Distance Learning Association at <http://www.usdla.org/ndlw/>.

USDLA, SLOAN-C, and Innovative Educators are offering free webinars in Higher Education, Virtual Worlds, Blended Learning, Faculty Preparation in Online Teaching, Brain-based Learning, Mobile Learning, and more.

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UNT celebrates National Distance Learning Week

Sponsored by the [United States Distance Learning Association](#), National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) held November 8-12, 2010, seeks to promote and celebrate the tremendous growth and accomplishments occurring today in distance learning programs offered by schools, businesses, and governmental departments.

Currently, over 3.5 million college students are taking online courses and/or earning online college degrees. The University of North Texas has been providing distance learning courses and programs since 1997 and is the second largest provider of distance learning courses at a Texas public institution of higher education. In fall 2010, UNT offered 47,185.5 semester credit hours through distance learning. Nearly 11,000 students are currently enrolled in one or more distance learning courses, and 3,452 of them are taking only courses offered in this format.

During this week, CLEAR has chosen to highlight some of the ways in which UNT's distance learning programs have made an impact:

On Monday, November 8, CLEAR salutes the **Department of Anthropology** for providing quality education and building community among anthropology professionals through its **Applied Anthropology Online Master's Program**.

On Tuesday, November 9, CLEAR applauds the **Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services (CLAS)** for offering the Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP) National Certification Program through three flexible distance learning options that are designed to meet individuals' preferred learning styles.

On Wednesday, November 10, CLEAR recognizes the **Department of Educational Psychology's Project DART**, a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education and designed to professionally prepare educators in rural Texas who have not previously had access to formal coursework in autism. Using distance learning for instructional delivery and communications, **Project DART** extends UNT's current face-to-face (F2F) Master's degree in special education with a specialization in autism intervention.

On Thursday, November 11, 2010, CLEAR recognizes the **Department of Library and Information Sciences** for being a leader at UNT in distance learning by offering a Master of Science in Library and Information Science through cohort-based Web Institutes. The department created the Web Institute as a foundation for distance learning students beginning their Master's degree study. Students meet at a host site for four-day or nine-day Institutes and complete the remainder of the course online. This cohort-based approach provides an opportunity for students and faculty to build a vibrant learning community.

On Friday, November 12, 2010 CLEAR recognizes the **Department of Learning Technologies** for leadership in distance learning by providing the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree program, with a major in Applied Technology and Performance Improvement. Designed for community college students who have completed an AAS degree, or who have earned technical credits in a specialization, the ATPI BAAS enables students to complete their Bachelor's degree at UNT by taking 42 credit hours of junior/senior level professional development courses online.

SAVE THE DATE



What will you do for NDLW 2010?

Purpose: The purpose of National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) is to generate greater awareness and appreciation for distance learning, including K-12, Higher Education, Corporate and Military, while recognizing leaders and best practices in the field.

Goal: For schools, colleges, and corporations to conduct local events during NDLW to celebrate and promote the field of online learning.

When: November 8 - 12, 2010

Who: Professionals engaged in the day-to-day practice of distance learning (schools, colleges, corporations, military) and individuals and organizations providing products and services being distributed via online, video conferencing and satellite technologies.

For more information on NDLW contact USDLA at 1.800.275.5162.

<http://www.usdla.org/ndlw/>

Check below to see which FREE webinars interest you for NDLW 2010:

2010 FREE NDLW WEBINARS

MONDAY

Event: Higher Education

Date: November 8, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Description:

This webinar will explore a broad range of issues related to the institution's/unit's practices and procedures as new global campuses become the norm and the traditional education landscape transforms.

Register to attend: <http://www.usdla.org/index.php?cid=115>

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TUESDAY

Event: Blending Learning

Date: November 9, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Description:

This webinar will explore the economy of scale and power of blended learning which is derived from its "elasticity:" the ability to integrate a variety of synchronous and asynchronous media allowing the instructional designer to attain the most appropriate blended learning solution. Download your FREE copy of the USDLA Instructional Media Selection Guide for Distance Learning authored by Dr. Jolly Holden and Dr. Philip Westfall.

Register to attend: <http://www.usdla.org/index.php?cid=115>

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WEDNESDAY

Event: Virtual Worlds

Date: November 10, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Description:

This webinar will provide an overview of virtual worlds while examining popular virtual world applications. This session will also help you to frame an understanding of virtual worlds and their appropriate application.

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Event: Professional Online Educator - Faculty Preparation for Excellence in Online Teaching

Date: November 10, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Description:

The role of the educator has undergone a paradigm shift in order to keep pace with mainstream acceptance of online teaching at primary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions of learning. Educators, administrators, and education organizations and institutions recognize the need to verify that pre-service teachers, traditional classroom teachers, and novice online teachers can affect a meaningful transfer of knowledge in myriad online learning environments. In this session, learn how online teaching skills will address a growing market need and the desire of educators, administrators, and education organizations to ensure quality online instruction.

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FRIDAY

Event: Brain-based Learning

Date: November 12, 2010

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Description:

The brain is comprised of billions of neurons (brain cells) connected with trillions of "synaptic" connections between the neurons. Recent research indicates that learning happens in a human brain when a group of neurons are able to form a network passing information between them in the form of electro-chemical signals. Brain-based learning has the potential to enable curriculum content to be adapted to individualized learning pathways ensuring an increase in learning effectiveness and efficiency as well as improvement in student engagement and evaluation measurements.

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Event: Mobile Learning

Date: November 12, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Description:

With the number of mobile phones approaching 5 billion subscribers globally, mobile learning has the potential to deliver effective education and training to these busy workers. This webinar will provide some examples and insight into this globally expanding market.

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Two week workshops available beginning Nov 8th-Nov 12th
Free with UNT's College Pass

[Workload Management Strategies for Online Educators](#) November 10, 2010 - November 19, 2010

Online Workshop Description:

Online teaching can redefine faculty members' teaching schedules. While the advantages for participating in online education include flexibility; the reality of the 24/7 classroom can prove daunting due to the investment in curriculum development and planning as well as the need to be responsive to student inquiries. This workshop offers strategies enabling online educators to manage time demands while teaching online courses.

[Video and Audio Tools for Teaching and Learning](#) November 10, 2010 - November 19, 2010

Online Workshop Description:

Video and audio are powerful media for teaching and learning and can become irreplaceable assets to any distance course. With both video and audio you can present information, communicate with your students, and demonstrate course learning objectives efficiently and effectively. From threaded voice discussions to podcasting, audio has many applications for your distance course. Audio and video tools will not only deepen the sense of teacher and student presence in your course, they can also enhance the learning experience. This workshop explores five easy-to-use web 2.0 audio and video tools that can add some spice and help you build a more robust learning community. You will also have an opportunity to explore and discuss research on educational uses of audio and video.



Free Trainings from Innovative Educators

- So You (and everyone else) Had A Bad Day: Improving Morale in Tough Times: November 12
- Synchronous Solutions—Engaging Learners in Virtual Classrooms: September 14 (On-Demand)

On-Demand Training

- How to Help Students Maximize the College Experience to Prepare for the Future
- Finding Resources to Fund Community College Prevention & Emergency Preparedness Programs
- How to Help Students Maximize the College Experience to Prepare for the Future
- Violence Goes to College: Detecting and Preventing Avenger Violence
- Free Tips, Tricks, and Technology Tools for Teachers
- The Danger of College Search Sites: How to Protect Your Brand While Recruiting Students Online
- The Future of CTE: Opportunities Disguised as Challenges
- Creating Learning Communities to Enhance Student Success
- Recruiting and Retaining Talented Adjunct Faculty