



The office of **Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies (DLIT)** is pleased to announce our Spring 2016 event series. A set list of workshops, webinars, training sessions and learning communities have been designed to tie student-centered, engaged pedagogical practices to distance learning at UNTD. Each month, we'll tackle a different theme. Join us as we engage with and amplify these key issues in the classroom and beyond.

You can find more information of all our events for the **Spring 2016 Semester** in the following links or attached to this email:

- [Catalog of Events](#) [1.1 Mb]
- [Calendar by Type of Events](#) [251 Kb]
- [Monthly Calendar of Events](#) [148 Kb]

DLIT offers workshops year round to guide faculty in the use of technologies as well as classroom and/or computer-mediated pedagogical techniques to support online, blended, and web-enhanced learner-centered instruction.

Many of our technology workshops focus on the use of Blackboard Learn to support instruction. But we have also included workshops and sessions on other instructional technology you can use in your courses like Turnitin, Respondus, and GoToMeeting. All faculty, full-time and part-time, are welcome to attend. And we're starting right this week!

Events this week!

Finding Your Go-To Educational Resources Online *(Live webinar)*

The Internet is a giant infosphere of knowledge, information, strategies, and resources. Which resources are useful, and which are not? It can be overwhelming to a novice teacher – or any teacher for that matter! Join new teacher coach Shannon Holden as he reveals a list of powerful online educational resources all teachers need to bookmark and keep handy for future use.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Founders Hall, Rm 127

[Click here to register](#)



The Future of Learning: Where Should We Focus This Year? (Live webinar)

Presenter: Nick Floro, CEO/Learning Architect, Sealworks Interactive Studios.
Charity Bryan, Associate Professor and Program Director for Online Education,
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia.

The needs of today's organizations—and the organizations of tomorrow—are changing, but our industry's existing practices are falling behind. We need to examine the relevant trends to evolve our learning and performance content and ecosystems for the future. In this session, you'll explore the top five trends affecting the learning and performance industry, and gain fresh perspectives on how to enhance your learning and engage your audiences. You'll see practical examples that will inspire you, your team, and your learners; learn about resources and links to get you started; and examine what the trends mean to you and your organization. You'll leave this session with dozens of ideas to reboot your brain with fresh perspectives on how to enhance your learning and engage your audiences. This Best of Learning Solutions Webinar, will explore the top five trends affecting the learning and performance industry and outline a plan to get started in the process of evolving. Participants will leave this session with dozens of ideas to reboot their brains with fresh perspectives on how to enhance their learning and engage their audiences.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 @ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Founders Hall, Rm 127

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In this fast paced, focused session you will learn the critical skills about using Blackboard, particularly if you are using it for the first time and need to get your course ready quickly. Topics will include course management, content organization, basic communication, and using the grade center. The sessions for the 2016 Spring semester will be BEFORE the semester begins, as we know that is just the time faculty members might need assistance in preparing their Blackboard courses, especially those who are new to Blackboard. Please join Brian Miller, Digital Media Instructional Designer, for any of the following four workshops:

Thursday, January 14 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM), DAL 1, Rm 336

[Click here to register](#)



Overview of UNT Dallas' Online Quality Assurance Checklist

The Office of Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies is responsible for reviewing all distance learning (online and hybrid) courses based on the quality standards. With University of North Texas Dallas increase of quality assurance standards for the Spring 2016 semester, our office will review the new standards in detail in hopes of assisting faculty develop a quality online course.

Topics to be discussed during this session include a:

1. Review of UNTD's online quality standards adopted for Spring 2016
2. Review of online content in the UNTD Faculty Example Template course shell that meets our checklist instrument.

Presented by Cynthia Johnson, Instructional Design Coordinator

Friday, January 15 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Founders Hall, Rm 127 or *Online*

[Register Here](#)

Please let us know if you wish to attend to any of our events for planning purposes.
We hope you will join us to some of the events that we will host for you this semester!
Best regards,

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