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The office of **Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies (DLIT)** is pleased to announce our fall 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. Join us as we engage with and amplify these key issues in the classroom and beyond.

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. All faculty, full-time and part-time, are welcome to attend. And we're starting right next week!

DLIT Events next week!

AUG 15 Posters session during Faculty Orientation Day
(2 PM – 4 PM) FH, Library

AUG 16 Blackboard Jumpstart Workshop
(10 AM - 12 PM) FH, Rm 136

AUG 16 Overview of UNT Dallas' Online Quality Assurance Checklist
(2 PM - 3 PM) FH, Rm 127

AUG 20 Online Student Orientation for UNTD Students
(10 AM and 11 AM) virtual (online)



Posters session during Faculty Orientation Day

Please join the DLIT team on Monday afternoon for the posters session during faculty orientation. We'll be presenting our full set of events for the semester. Pick up a printed copy of our catalog of events and calendars as we have scheduled some great new ideas and events just for you.



We'll also have our Green Screen studio set right there for you to try out, and see what is all about. And be sure to see our new teleprompter in action!

Monday, August 15, 2 PM – 4 PM, Founders Hall, Library

Blackboard Jumpstart Workshops (For Faculty)

In these fast paced, focused sessions 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 Fall semester will include sessions the week 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. But we'll also have sessions available for you during the first week of the fall semester. Please, join Cynthia Johnson for any of the following workshop sessions:



Tuesday, August 16, 10 AM – 12 PM in Founders Hall, Rm 136

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 online courses and instructors, our office will review the standards in detail in hopes of assisting faculty develop a quality online course.
Presenter: Cynthia Johnson, Instructional Design Coordinator

Tuesday, August 16, 2 PM—3 PM, Founders Hall, Rm 127

Online Student Orientation

A short online orientation (30 min) that prepares students to understand what's different about taking courses online versus in the classroom; how to adjust study habits to promote success in online courses; and additional resources at UNT Dallas that are available when students need help.

The goal of these short sessions is to increase their knowledge and prepare them for their online courses as well as in-person courses that utilize online components, also called hybrid courses. By attending this orientation, students will know how to:

- prepare for their online course
- manage their time in their online course
- be a successful online student
- use the online technologies
- check their computer to use with online course technologies
- get help when something goes wrong



Saturday, August 20, 10 AM and 11 AM, virtual (online)



Please let us know ([email](#)) if you wish to attend 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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