



# NEWSLETTER

## DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Canvas coming to ELAC Spring 2016!



#### ELAC Welcomes Canvas LMS

Distance Education office is pleased to share with you the news that contracts have been signed with Instructure, the parent company of Canvas LMS. Canvas self-paced training has started and facilitator guided training will be starting in March. We are excited about the teaching and learning possibilities that is available through Canvas.

#### Conference News

The Online Teaching Conference (OTC), which began nearly 15 years ago, is an event for faculty, staff and administrators who are engaged or interested in online education, including delivery of online services, emerging technologies, student success, library and technical support. In addition to learning, this conference is a great opportunity for educators to spend two or three days with colleagues, share knowledge, impart and receive best practices, and learn from other's experiences. Registration for the OTC opened on November 30, 2015. For more information, please visit the [OTC web site](#).

#### Online Course Design Best Practices

It is common for online courses to vary in course design. An online course design rubric is helpful for faculty to conduct a self-evaluation. The course design rubric consists of four components.

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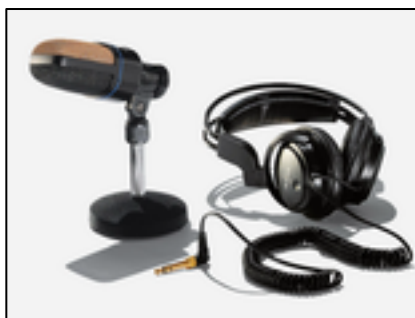
- Course Design
- Interaction and collaboration
- Assessment
- Learner Support

To view the entire course design rubric, [please click here to view the PDF](#).

#### 10 Effective Teaching Principles

1. Know your audience
2. Get organized
3. Get comfortable with the technology
4. Communicate expectations
5. Let your personality show
6. Be engaged
7. Build community
8. Plan for the unexpected
9. Provide meaningful and timely feedback
10. Practice continuous quality improvement

#### Want to record a class lecture or incorporate audio or video into your online/hybrid course?



With the assistance of our Multimedia Specialist, you can enhance your courses by engaging your students with multimedia.

Email Juan Chacón at [chaconjc@elac.edu](mailto:chaconjc@elac.edu) to schedule an appointment.

#### Multimedia Services @ Corporate Center



Room: 201D - *Film Studio* – With the use of our film studio, we can film instructor and/or student interviews for classroom use, and film instructors wanting to prepare additional lecture material via short films. In addition, we can go out into the field to film campus events and class lectures as needed.

Room: 201C - *Sound Studio* – With our sound studio, we have the ability to assist instructors in recording audio for their courses (i.e., course modules, announcements, lecture notes) and offer podcasting training (audio recording) to any instructor who would like to learn how to record audio for their online/hybrid/web-enhanced courses.



#### TechFest Workshops

TechFest is an ongoing series of instructional training workshops on a variety of topics, designed for both faculty and staff. For more info, please visit the DE web site.