

Special Interest Articles

New courses on the Horizon

Blackboard training on campuses

Audio and video clips from new English course

Dallas TeleCollege benefits DCCCD Colleges



Did you know...

Question: *Does the Dallas TeleCollege enroll students?*

Answer: *The TeleCollege enrolls students through the TeleCollege portal on behalf of all colleges. All students earn credits through the college where the faculty member is employed. All contact hours are earned by the college—not the Dallas TeleCollege.*

Now you know.

Two New English Courses Available in 2007

What do you get when you combine exciting new videos, interactive online lessons, a Poet and a coffee house? Two brand new English writing courses produced by the LeCroy Center for use in the DCCCD as well as with our national licensing clients. Two new English Composition distance learning courses are about to make their way to a classroom, computer screen or coffee house near you.



The Writer's Circle (ENGL 1301- English Composition I) distance learning course introduces an analytical approach to essay writing. Students follow the writing processes of invention, delivery and revision. The primary goal of the course is to teach students college-level writing skills for success in college and in everyday life. Each lesson builds upon the preceding one, honing the student's skills in analysis, synthesis, and basic rhetoric. The Writer's Circle will be available starting Summer 2007.

The Writer's Odyssey (ENGL 1302 - English Composition II) focuses on argument and research. Students review narration, description, observation, evaluation and analysis skills. Students follow the writing process of invention, arrangement (rhetorical tools, organizational strategies, voice) and revision. **The Writer's Odyssey** encourages students to think analytically and explore

Listen to an MP3 audio clip.

<http://gln.dcccd.edu/dlupdate/dec06.m4a>

View a video lesson from The Writer's Circle.

http://video.dcccd.edu/WCIR/WCIR_101K1.wmv

new perspectives. Look for this course in Fall 2007.

The video-based interactive course can be delivered online, via CD-Rom, or as a traditional video-based course via DVD.

This flexibility accommodates a variety of teaching and learning styles, including modular formats and learning objects.

The narrative setting for the courses centers around a coffee house, where distance learning students from all walks of life gather to discuss writing assignments. In addition, each lesson includes video clips from interviews with professional writers that relate to lesson objectives.

The Writer's Circle & The Writer's Odyssey

- * 13 lessons each
- * Interactive activities
- * 13 half-hour videos each
- * Student course guide
- * Faculty guide
- * Interactive: CD-ROM, Internet
- * Textbooks: "The Composition of Everyday Life" and "Inventing Arguments" by Mauk and Metz/ Thomson Wadsworth

The English Advisory Committee includes Paul Benson (MVC) Luisa Benton (ECC), Phyllis Elmore (NLC), Ed Garcia, (BHC), Michael Morris (EFC), Jane Peterson (RLC), and others from colleges across the country.

All DCCCD English faculty will have access to these courses in 2007.

To hear more about the course design, click on the audio-clip and listen to an interview with Content Specialist **Diane Martin, PhD**, who has taught college level English on campus and via distance learning for 35 years. Diane was honored with the Minnie Stevens Piper Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1998. You will also hear from Project Director **Craig Mayes** an award-winning film and video director with more than 30 years production experience. For information, contact Diane Martin at 972.669.6517.

DALLAS TELECOLLEGE HELPS COLLEGES

The Dallas TeleCollege (DTC) is working to increase enrollments in distance learning classes which benefit all the DCCCD colleges. DTC students are cross-linked in sections with a campus-based course and all contact hours follow the students to the home college of the faculty member teaching the course. During the 2004-2005 fiscal years, the DTC helped to generate 601,376 contact hours for our colleges.



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DL Courses Get Make-Overs

It's Strictly Business

Interactive - The CD-ROM and online versions will be ready in early January and available for course use is Summer 2007. The new textbook edition and course guide for **It's Strictly Business** is under development. Bob Hughes (RLC) is the content expert for this course.

Accounting in Action:

Principles II Interactive – will be completed in early January with courseware availability in Summer 2007. Clarice McCoy (BHC) is the content expert for this course.

The Writer's Circle - English 1301 (Interactive course with video)

- This new course is on target for completion in March for Summer 2007.

The Writer's Odyssey - English 1302 (Interactive course with video)

- This new course will be available in July for faculty use. Diane Martin (LCET) is the content expert for both English courses.

For additional information, call 972.669.6657.



Distance Learning Update LeCroy Center Dallas County Community College District

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Software Training Continues Through December

Date	Day	Start Time	End Time	Title	Location/ Room
12/12/06	Tues	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Excel II - pt.1	BPI/ 2730
12/12/06	Tues	9:00 AM	10:00 PM	User Interface	LCET/ 170D
12/12/06	Tues	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	User Interface	LCET/ 170D
12/12/06	Tues	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Access IV	MVC/ E118
12/13/06	Wed	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Access II	BHC/ T213
12/13/06	Wed	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Excel II - pt. 2	BPI/ 2730
12/13/06	Wed	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Basic Colleague	MVC/ E118
12/13/06	Wed	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Curr. Management	MVC/ E118
12/14/06	Thur	2:00 PM	4:30 PM	Publisher	Cedar Hill/ 105
12/14/06	Thur	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Requisition Basics	DSC/ CR1
12/14/06	Thur	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	User Interface	DSC/ DR1
12/15/06	Fri	2:00 PM	4:30 PM	eConnect	CVC/ A206C
12/15/06	Fri	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Word II	DSC/ CR1
12/15/06	Fri	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Word III	DSC/ CR1
12/19/06	Tues	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Excel I	BHC/ T213
12/19/06	Tues	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	eCampus I	LCET/ 170D
12/19/06	Tues	9:00 AM	10:00 PM	User Interface	NLC/ K307
12/19/06	Tues	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Basic Colleague	NLC/ K307

Get Ready for New Blackboard Features

The new eCampus v7.1 system that will house all new courses is now ready and available. All winter-term courses identified by the colleges are ready for use and all spring courses requested to date have also been moved into this new system.

Fall 2006 courses with late start dates will continue to be housed in the current system (v6.2) until their completion, which is expected to be around mid-Spring 2007. At their completion,

the courses will be archived and any new courses will go into the new system (v7.1). All Spring 2007 courses will be ready and available on eCampus December 16.

The LeCroy Center has begun training on a handful of new features of the v7.1 system that can't be turned off. All other advanced features have been turned off and will be available as faculty receive training in Spring 2007 and begin to feel comfortable with the new interface.

Training classes for new Bb v7.1 features available for Winter and Spring terms.

Monday, December 11, 2 pm
Tuesday, December 12, 2 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2 pm
Thursday, December 14, 2 pm

To reserve a space in the December classes, contact Michael Lowe, 972.669.6480.

More training dates will begin the second week of January.

Quality Matters Around the District

Quality Matters is a district-wide initiative that consists of eight general standards for quality assurance in developing online courses.

The first standard addresses navigation in an online course. Standard I.1 questions if navigational instructions make the organization of the course easy to understand. "Have you thought about whether your course is easy to navigate from the student's view point?" Ask yourself these questions:

"Where is the student's attention directed when they enter your course?", "Does it change over time?" and "The first time a student enters your course do they know what to do first?" These are just a few of the concepts that are covered in the Quality Matters Peer Reviewer Training.

El Centro College is the fourth of our DCCCD Colleges to complete Peer Reviewer Training. On December 1, fourteen of their faculty and staff

participated in the full-day workshop.

Prior to this training, the participants completed online foundations training in preparation for the hands-on component of the workshop.

Brookhaven College has scheduled three workshops beginning on January 19, 2007.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting initiative contact Ed Bowen at 972.669.6406.