Teaching Online With Canvas

As of Spring Quarter 2013, all courses taught at Bellevue College have Canvas sites associated with them, regardless of delivery mode (online, hybrid, or face-to-face).

Canvas Can Help
Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS) that offers a number of ways to support classroom instruction. One of the simplest ways to use it is as a file repository, so that students can access handouts and assignments electronically. Canvas also has a grade book function; when you log grades in Canvas, students will have a current view of their performance in your classes. [http://bc.instructure.com/](http://bc.instructure.com/)

Canvas Orientation Required
If you are new to Bellevue College, you must complete an online orientation through Canvas in order to be able to interact with your Canvas class sites as a teacher. You can find instructions for how to complete this process here: [http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/employees/canvas/](http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/employees/canvas/)

Training Options

**Canvas 101: Theory and Practice** is a self-paced course, completely online, but with an instructor. It's based on simple, small projects that reinforce skills introduced in the course content. This allows the training to be active, but it's not dependent on discussion boards, which would require people to align their schedules with each other. It also allows people to fit in a lesson when they can, and to demonstrate competency without grinding through content that they may have already mastered elsewhere. This course is designed to be completed in one academic quarter or less, and will be available before the middle of September. Enrollment is available here: [https://bc.instructure.com/courses/890170](https://bc.instructure.com/courses/890170)

**Online Teaching Best Practices** is a pedagogy-oriented workshop. It is intended for instructors who have some experience teaching online or hybrid courses, and who want to improve the online component of their teaching by investigating current best practices. The format is a combination of readings, asynchronous discussions, live sessions and hands-on projects. Participants will receive a $400 stipend on completion of this workshop. This workshop will be offered in the Fall and Winter Quarters.

**Online Course Redesign** is designed as a support structure & workshop for instructors who are completely redesigning an online offering. It is expected that participants will have completed the [Online Teaching Best Practices](https://bc.instructure.com/courses/890170) workshop, or have equivalent experience. Participants set their own goals for their redesign work, in collaboration with the workshop facilitator. Workshop meetings will be keyed to discussing specific applications of best practices in the context of the redesign work that participants are executing. Participants will share their work with each other and engage in critical feedback. This workshop will be available beginning in the Winter Quarter.

**Introductory training for Canvas** is available from the Technology Learning and Connections Center, located in A109. The TLCC offers face-to-face training as well as individualized drop-in support. You can access their calendar here: [http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/training/training-calendar/](http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/training/training-calendar/)

**Self-paced online training** from the TLCC, you can work through the training modules on your own found here: [https://bc.instructure.com/courses/860361](https://bc.instructure.com/courses/860361)

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges offers cohort-based instruction that takes three weeks to complete. You can find their training schedule and enroll in their course here: [http://www.waol.org/info/training/instTrainingRegV2.aspx](http://www.waol.org/info/training/instTrainingRegV2.aspx)

Don't Need Canvas?
While no one is currently required to use Canvas to support face-to-face instruction, your students may ask you what's wrong with the Canvas site for the course if you have nothing in it. If you've decided not to use Canvas at all in your face-to-face courses, please at least create a message for students letting them know this. You can find instructions for how to do this, here: [http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/kb/creating-a-canvas-site-for-no-canvas-use/](http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/helpdesk/kb/creating-a-canvas-site-for-no-canvas-use/)