Strategies for success in the online classroom
Assessing Readiness

Are Your Students Ready?

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OnlineLearning.net-Self Assessment

10 Myths about Online Learning
A Successful Orientation Will:

• Help establish realistic expectations...i.e. online is not easier.
• Introduce technical skills needed
• Introduce types of assignments
• Address time management
• Address proper conduct or online netiquette

Support and Discourse:
Wojciechowski and Palmer (2005) found that an online orientation was the second greatest factor, following a student’s GPA, in predicting success in an online course.

The face-to-face orientations have been found to enhance a sense of community among online students (Gaide, 2004). ...many students cite that they drop out of the online environment because of a sense of isolation (Pugliese, 1994; Ludwig-Hardman & Dunlap, 2003; McCracken, 2004).
Sample Orientations

- Univ. of Nevada
- Tulsa Community College
Course Design

Organize, Pace, Repeat!

• Design with logic and students in mind
• Pacing-Balancing Instruction with Autonomy
• Repeat Often-multiple messages and reminders
• Exemplary Courses

Support and Discourse:
Of the three components of instructor presence (i.e. *instructional design*, facilitating discourse, and providing instruction), *instructional design* may have the strongest impact on student cognition. In the realm of instructional design, the instructor plans and prepares a formal path of study designed to foster learning.

Interaction

Icebreakers

Discussion

Reflection

Instructor Presence and Immediacy

Okay, class! now i want everyone to take turns standing up and sharing the most terrible moment of your entire life with the rest of the class! who wants to go first?
Engaging Activities

- Cooperative activities
- Role play scenarios
- Case studies
- Web quests
- Web 2.0 (Facebook, YouTube, blogs)
- Journals and Portfolios
- Quizzes and Self tests
Be a good teacher

• Show up
• Grade stuff
• Check your mail everyday
• Check discussions everyday
• Experiment
• Get excited
• Stay Connected!!!
Questions? Comments?

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