



# CTL Workshop Tracks: LMS BASICS & BEYOND

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*This series provides a primer on how the Learning Management System (LMS) can be used to enhance the learners' experiences. Workshops in this series focus on communicating (and using) grading standards, course collaboration tools, and using the virtual environment for synchronous class sessions. Attend four of the five workshops in the **LMS Basics & Beyond Track** to earn a micro-credential (which we're calling a "Scottie," in honor of Scott Memorial Library) from the Center for Teaching & Learning. Completion of the credential is not required, however, and participants are invited to attend any individual session(s) of interest in this series.*

## **Blackboard Learn: Essentials** REGISTER: August 8, 2017

Essentials focuses on the basic features of Blackboard giving faculty the tools to build a course in Blackboard Learn. This session is recommended for all faculty and organizational leaders new to Blackboard.

## **Creating and Managing Blackboard Groups and Discussions** REGISTER: August 10, 2017

In this session, we will explore the various uses of the Groups and Discussion Board features in Blackboard. New users and seasoned users will benefit from the tips and tricks presented for facilitating effective online discussions and group work. Bring some current or new ideas for group discussions and projects and we will explore ways to improve or create meaningful student experiences and a more manageable facilitation experience for faculty.

## **Collaborate: Blackboard's Virtual Classroom** REGISTER: August 29, 2017

Collaborate is Blackboard's virtual learning environment for courses, office hours, or conference calls. With a variety of audio and video communication tools, faculty and learners easily can join a session from almost any device with a wireless connection. Faculty may even use Collaborate to host a guest speaker and other invitees without Jefferson credentials. The browser-based tool fully integrates with Blackboard and enables faculty and learners to share content, demo an application or collaborate in real-time. Faculty can also establish virtual breakout rooms for learners to engage in small groups.

## **Rubrics: Improve Your Grading Efficiency & Reliability** REGISTER: September 8, 2017

For years, faculty have used rubrics to grade their written assignments. Now, Blackboard allows you to associate scoring rubrics for both your assignments and discussion boards. If you're not convinced of the value of rubrics, come to this workshop to see how scoring rubrics can improve your grading efficiency and reliability.

## **Blackboard Learn: Grade Center** REGISTER: November 7, 2017

Do you write exactly 50 test questions so they can each be worth 2 points? Does the Blackboard Grade Center make you uncomfortable? Attend this workshop to improve your comfort level and learn a few new features that have the potential to save you lots of time.