

Actively Engaging Students Using Virtual Technology as a Teaching Strategy to Support Student Learning Outcomes

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By The End of This Session, You Will Be Able To:

- 1) Describe the benefits of using a virtual technology system in your course**
- 2) Identify best practices for conducting a virtual meeting**
- 3) Explain where to locate the resources necessary to support your professional development using virtual classroom**

Pre-Survey

- ✓ **Do you know what virtual software is ?**
- ✓ **Have you ever used virtual software ?**
- ✓ **If so, which virtual software program have you used?**

Virtual Software - Defined

What does *Virtual Classroom* mean?

- A virtual classroom is a teaching and learning environment where participants can interact, communicate, view and discuss presentations, and engage with learning resources while working in groups, all in an online setting. The medium is often through a video conferencing application that allows multiple users to be connected at the same time through the Internet, which allows users from virtually anywhere to participate.
- A virtual classroom is also known as a virtual learning environment (VLE).

What is Blackboard Collaborate ?



- ✓ **Simple, convenient and reliable online collaborative learning solution**
- ✓ **Delivers a level of active engagement**
- ✓ **Learners feel like they're together in the same room**
- ✓ **Collaboration and conference tool**

Key Features:

- ✓ Easy to reach students
- ✓ Wherever they are
- ✓ Recently redesigned
- ✓ Simpler, easier, more reliable
- ✓ Anytime Web conferencing
- ✓ Focus on interaction not technology



Introduction – Julianne's Story

- **RN-BS Population**
- **Class cancelation**
- **Emails from students**
- **Teamwork & Collaboration**
- **Panopto**
- **Blackboard Collaborate**
- **22 Student's – Virtual Course**



Best Practices

- **Prepare**
- **Turn off all email, skype accounts**
- **Check background including lighting**
- **Have a backup plan**
- **Use Chrome or Firefox**
- **Up-to-date Computer**



EXAMPLE OF A LIVE BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE SESSION



Benefits of Blackboard Collaborate

1

- Used for Q&A session, Online lectures, Exam Review, Office Hours

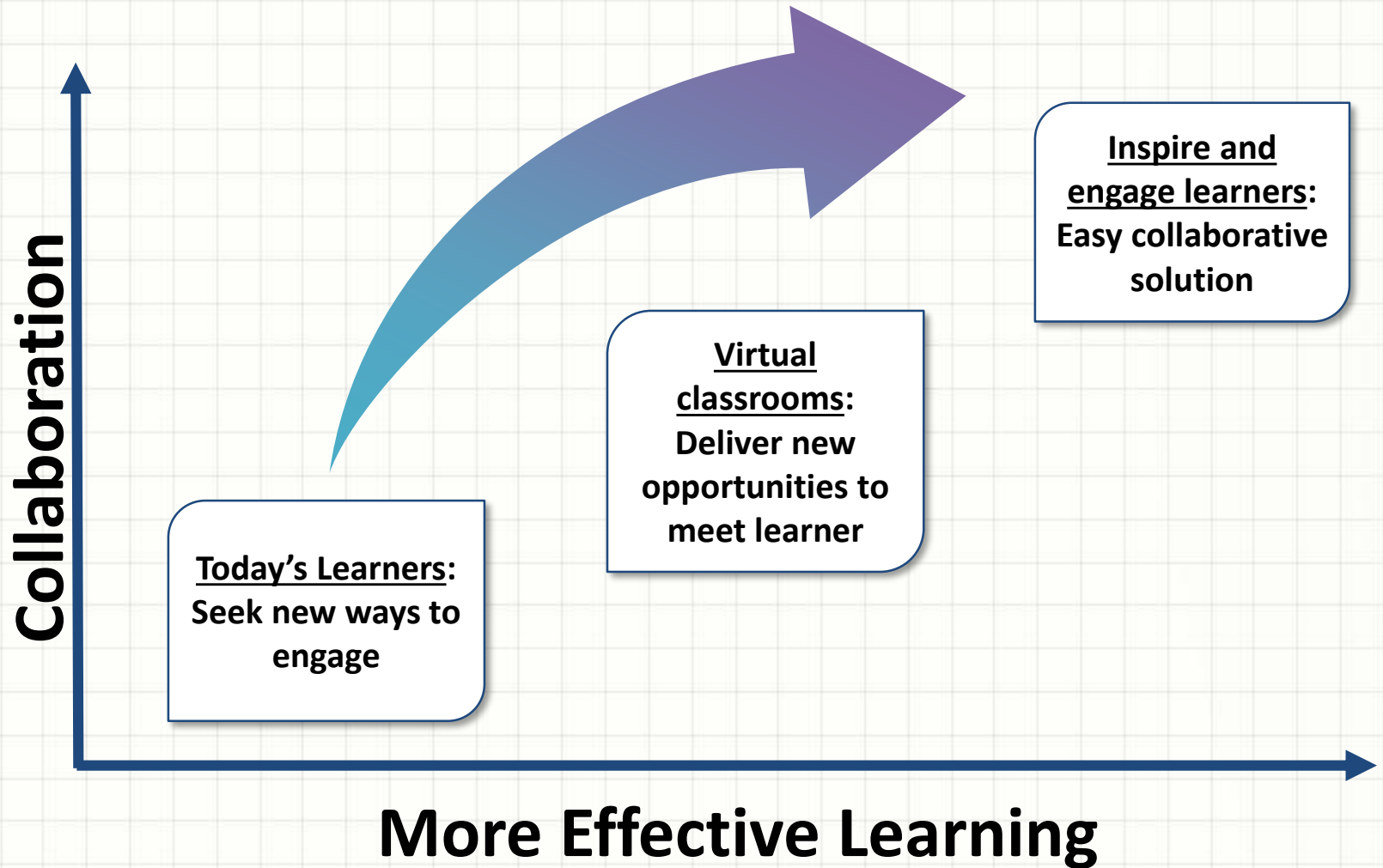
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- Builds online community

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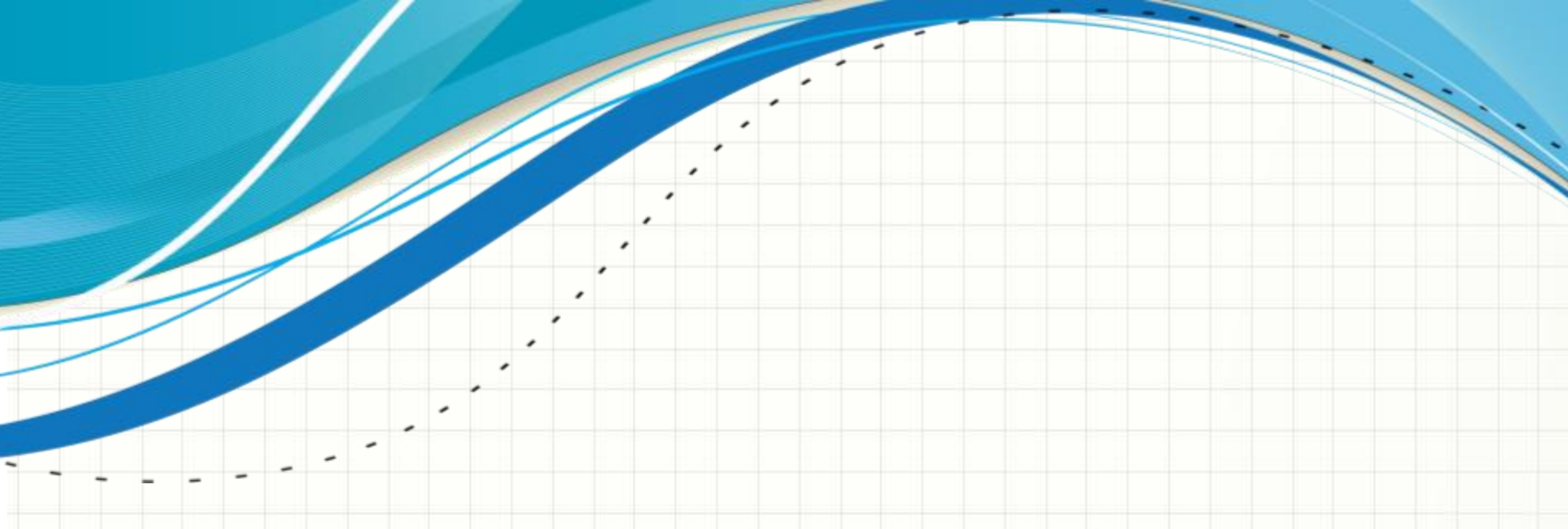
- Accommodates multiple learning styles

Blackboard Collaborate



Takeaways:

- ✓ Active engagement
- ✓ More options
- ✓ Collaborative tool
- ✓ Meet's instructional goals
- ✓ On the go learning
- ✓ Learn together
- ✓ Personal learning tool
- ✓ For mobile enabled lives



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QUESTIONS?