



DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER



Empowering Innovative Teaching and Learning for a Transformational Educational Experience in the Digital Era

Online learning is a unique and rewarding experience allowing a person to attend classes at their convenience at any time and place with access to a computer network.

The Digital Teaching and Learning (DTAL) Center— established in 2021— is a multifaced and innovative distance and online education hub at Simmons College of Kentucky. The DTAL Center is committed to educational excellence and creating a positive online learning experience for all students, faculty, and the greater community. We employ a vast learning ecosystem of pedagogically appropriate, emerging technologies and research-based best practices from a Black-centered and social justice lens to provide online academic offerings, resources and tools, guidance, continuous improvement of technological infrastructure, and professional development training for faculty with stackable credentials throughout the year.

For more information:

Contact the Digital Teaching and Learning (DTAL) Center at (502) 776-1443, email at dtal@simmonscollegeky.edu, or visit us online by scanning the QR code below.



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DTAL FACULTY & STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) SERIES SPRING 2025

REGISTER TODAY!

- Join us for research-proven online teaching and learning strategies!
- All sessions are from 12:00 PM to 1:00 pm on a Wednesday or Friday as virtual on Zoom unless noted as "In Person." A Zoom link is shared upon completing the registration. A post-survey will be sent automatically to your Simmons email after each PD.

Fri 1/17 — *Understanding the Features of SONIS*. Facilitator: Tia Spence-Gigger [Register](#)

Wed. 1/22 — *How to Maximize Usability on the Smart Boards*. Facilitator: Tyree Linton. (Location: Diane Porter Building, Rm. Large Classroom: 844 South 4th Street) In Person. [Register](#).

Fri. 1/24 — *Trauma-Informed Care*. Facilitator: Dr. Terence Lester [Register](#)

Wed. 1/29 — *Embedding a Biblical and Theological Framework in Every Course*. Facilitator: Dr. Javan Reed [Register](#)

Fri. 1/31— *Navigating Canvas: Best Practices (Spotlight a QM Certified Course led by the instructor)*. Facilitator: Dr. Chad White [Register](#)

Wed. 2/5 — *Maximizing the Simmons Hub*. Facilitator: Kendra Scott Ferraro and Mary Darling [Register](#)

Fri. 2/7 — *The Modular Format and Master for Quality Course Design to Meet QM Standards*
Facilitators: Dr. Janice Poston [Register](#)

Wed. 2/12 — *Navigating Simmons Technology*: Facilitators: Claudette Linder and Ms. Yolanda Wilson
Scheduling/ Room Reservations, Campus-wide Calendar, and Housing – Ms. Claudette Linder
Telephone Operations and Scheduling Transportation – Ms. Yolanda Wilson [Register](#)

Fri. 2/14 — *Navigating Canvas: Using Advanced Canvas Features in a Simmons Course*. Facilitator: Dr. Janice Poston [Register](#)

Fri. 2/21 — *Crafting Effective Rubrics: Enhancing Assessment and Student Success*. Facilitators: Dr. Samantha Betton [Register](#)

Wed. 2/26 — *Improving Student Writing: How to Better Help Your Students*. Facilitator: Professor Christian Lucas [Register](#)

Fri. 2/28 — *Maximizing the Usage of SONIS*. Facilitator: Keith Turner. [Register](#).

Wed. 3/5 — *Harnessing ePortfolios for Student Success in Higher Education*. Facilitator: Dr. Valerie Washington [Register](#)

***Click the link to learn more before the PD: <https://simmonscollegeky.instructure.com/dashboard/eportfolios>*

Fri. 3/7 — *Library Services for Academic Research and Resources*. Facilitators: Kevin McMahon and Adam Kremer [Register](#)

Wed. 3/12 — *Mastering Canvas Studio: Unlocking Advanced Features for Enhanced Learning*. Facilitator: Dr. Janice Poston [Register](#)

SPRING BREAK

Fri. 3/21 — *Exploring the 504 Plan to Accommodate Students*. Facilitator: Ingrid Bowman-Thomas [Register](#)

Wed. 3/26 — *UDL: What it is and Technology Tools to Assist You*. Facilitator: Dr. Janice Poston [Register](#)

Fri. 3/28 — *Curriculum Design: Embracing Project-Based Learning from a Social Justice Lens in Every Course*. Facilitator: Dr. Tytianna Ringstaff [Register](#)

Wed. 4/2 — *Survey Development and Analysis: Building the Basics for Effective Data Collection*. Facilitator: Tia Spence-Gigger [Register](#)

Wed. 4/9 — *Supporting Adult Learners with Andragogy in Digital Classrooms*. Facilitator: Dr. Alana Stevenson [Register](#)

Fri. 4/11 (Last Session Spring 2025) — *Innovative Assessment Methods for Online Courses*. Facilitator: Dr. Alana Stevenson [Register](#)

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