



## 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 Center (DTAL)— 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.

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### For more information:

Contact the Digital Teaching and Learning Center (DTAL) at (502) 776-1443, email at [dtal@simmonscollegeky.edu](mailto: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.
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**Fri 1/17** — *Understanding the Features of SONIS*. Facilitator: Tia Spence-Gigger | [Register](#)

**Fri. 1/24** — *Providing Trauma-Informed Care to College Students*. 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, including Canvas Studio*. Facilitator: Dr. Janice Poston | [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*. Facilitator: Adam Kremer | [Register](#)

### ***SPRING BREAK***

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

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

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

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