

Online Workshop: Strategies for Promoting Online Student Collaboration April 16-May 4, 2012

This workshop is for faculty teaching either completely online or a “blended” course, who wish to learn how to incorporate collaboration by students into their courses. You will learn how to take any assignment for any subject and turn it into a collaborative one. You will actually have an opportunity to experience collaboration first hand, but working online with other faculty. Some experience with a Wiki is desirable, but not necessary.

Open to any instructors of online courses. No cost.

Start date: April 16th, runs through May 4th.

To register: contact Bob Schoenberg, bobsch3@gmail.com

Objectives:

- Understand the benefits of online student collaboration
- Learn several strategies for promoting Student Collaboration
- Discover an easy way to determine who did what
- Turn any assignment for any course into a collaborative one
- Experience collaboration by collaborating with another faculty members

Format: Totally online, with one Skype session (synchronous meeting). Some readings, website articles, hands-on learning and collaboration

Software Needed: Skype (allows live voice communication with optional video). Also requires headset with microphone. Go to Skype.com for free download.

Duration: Three weeks, but you may finish the training program earlier. You will have a week to complete each collaborative exercise.

No grades, no tests or quizzes – just practical information and an opportunity to experience collaboration, yourself. This is a FREE training program. There is no fee to take it.

Learn why this method of teaching online is so effective.

Need more information? Email Bob Schoenberg – bobsch3@gmail.com

About Bob Schoenberg

Bob Schoenberg has been teaching an online graduate course in Critical Thinking for eight years at UMASS, Boston. He has had an article published in the Journal of Human Architecture on *Student Collaboration Online in A Critical Thinking Course*. Go to <http://www.okcir.com/WEB%20Pdfs%20IX%20Summer%2011/Schoenberg.pdf>. Bob has also given a presentation at the Technology Conference (2011) on “Student Online Collaboration”.

Strategies for Promoting Online Student Collaboration

Course Outline

Session One:

1. Benefits of Collaboration
2. How to Use a Wiki
3. Some Collaboration Tools
4. Your First Collaborative Assignment (Blog)*

Session Two:

1. Have Students Create a Quiz
2. Turn Any Assignment into a Collaborative One*
3. Study Session – Done Collaboratively

Session Three:

1. Assign a Collaborative Class Project*
2. Peer Review
3. Skype Meeting (for collaboration and meeting)

* designates actual collaborative assignment for faculty to do