

# Call for Proposals: 2008 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference Mix It Up! Creative Combinations for Learning in North Carolina

March 12-14, Raleigh, NC

The 2008 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference, co-sponsored by the UNC TLT Collaborative and the UNC Faculty Assembly, will be held at the Hilton North Raleigh on March 12-14, 2008.

## Conference Theme

Faculty, librarians, staff, and students are finding new ways of blending information and communication technologies to enhance learning. Across the state, teaching and learning communities are working on initiatives and projects that capitalize on connections built as campuses explore innovative ways to improve education.

**Mix It Up! Creative Combinations for Learning in North Carolina** focuses on initiatives and resources available for higher education in North Carolina. The conference will explore the variety of innovative blends of people, places, research, technology, policy, and approaches for teaching and learning.

This year's conference highlights resources and initiatives across the state that integrate different technologies, people, perspectives, ideas, processes, and organizational missions in innovative ways to:

- achieve educational outcomes
- overcome curricular challenges
- foster rewarding learning experiences
- prepare learners for future roles
- use resources efficiently and effectively

Thinking in a systematic way about creative uses of technology is crucial. Specific areas to consider include:

**People:** Cultivating connections, collaborations and partnerships to facilitate the generation of ideas that transform and enhance the learning process.

**Places:** Considering how the creative use of real and virtual spaces can be conceptualized, developed, implemented and evaluated.

**Research:** Contributing to the scholarship of teaching and learning by discovering and evaluating ways that creative combinations can improve outcomes.

**Technology:** Assessing the effect of innovative combinations of technologies as well as the value of incorporating emerging technologies into the mix.

**Policy:** Understanding the impact of current policies and the need for policy change to accommodate new combinations of technologies and approaches that may span institutions and disciplines.

**Approaches:** Combining the many elements that contribute to the learning experience and refining the results to successfully implement innovative strategies.

*The UNC TLT Conference provides a statewide forum to network and exchange information about the effective use of technology for teaching and learning. This annual event emphasizes timely topics of particular interest to UNC campuses from effective current practices to emerging technologies.*

*The term **TLT** refers to teaching methods and learning environments that incorporate instructional and library-based technologies, whether face-to-face or online.*

## Invitation to Submit

**We actively solicit proposals** that showcase TLT findings and work in progress from faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, and students who would like to share their knowledge and expertise with colleagues. Proposals about collaborative work, including projects that involve educational, non-profit, commercial, or government organizations, are encouraged, as are submissions on other TLT-related topics.

Preference is given to proposals for sessions that:

- emphasize collaborative approaches
- provide useful information, skills, or ideas
- promote effective and innovative practices
- actively engage participants
- are consistent with the conference theme

Ideas for presentations might include:

- collaborative efforts to accomplish TLT initiatives
- instructional resources, approaches, and outcomes
- technological, pedagogical, library, and administrative policies and support issues
- research, assessment, evaluation, and critical analyses to increase understanding of TLT practices
- quality assurance, student retention, efficiency, and effectiveness of TLT efforts
- current UNC initiatives, such as The University of North Carolina Online, partnerships among institutions (e.g. 2+2 activities, Learn and Earn), and Course Redesign

Conference participants include professionals from academic departments, libraries, and teaching and learning centers, as well as those involved with instructional design, distance education, instructional technology, faculty development, information technology, and more!

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**Session Types** include panel discussions, roundtable discussions, hands-on workshops, formal presentations, and demonstrations. Session lengths are 90 minutes for workshops, and 30 or 50 minutes for other session types.

This year we are piloting the inclusion of sessions in which the presenter uses interactive and/or emerging technologies to engage the audience. For example, presenters might facilitate the creation of a mashup during the session, present in a 3D virtual world, or bring in a co-presenter through a synchronous learning management system.

We also strongly encourage sessions that actively engage participants in other innovative ways. Presenters might have participants post to a discussion board, read an article, listen to a podcast, or watch pre-recorded viewpoints prior to attending the session. The possibilities are endless!

If there are any requirements for the participants – bringing a laptop, reading materials in advance, participating in a prior online discussion – please make these requirements clear in the session description.

When submitting your proposal online, you will be required to select one of the **Conference Tracks**. These tracks, described on the conference website, help participants find sessions of interest to them.

The **Collaborative Café** is an online tool to assist you to identify and establish connections with others who have similar interests. We strongly encourage prospective presenters to collaborate in developing proposals by joining the Collaborative Café (<http://conference.unctlit.org/proposals/cafe.php>).

To use the Café, submit your presentation idea and indicate what kind of collaboration you would like. You can:

- request panelists or identify co-presenters
- refine and develop your presentation idea
- gather handouts or other supplemental materials
- ask for examples for specific content

You can also use the Café to look for requests that have been submitted by others as described above. While you are encouraged to continue to visit the Café, please keep in mind that **Monday, October 15, 2007** is the deadline for all proposal submissions.

**Conference Proceedings** are planned for distribution after the conference, and will be available from the TLT Conference website. All participants are encouraged to submit their work for inclusion in the proceedings. Information on submitting content for the proceedings will be available on the conference website in the Spring.

## Conference Registration

Conference registration will be available later in the academic year; please watch the conference website for details. **All participating presenters and co-presenters must pay the appropriate registration fees.** Fees and policies will be posted on the conference website when they are finalized. Conference/workshop materials and selected meals will be provided.

## Hotel Information

If you require hotel accommodations, we recommend that you make your reservation as soon as possible, but no later than **February 18, 2008**, when the room block reservation expires. Reservations can be made by calling 800-HILTONS (800-445-8667) or online at <http://www.northraleigh.hilton.com/>. To receive the conference rate (\$92.00 single, \$124.50 double), you must provide the group/convention code, which is TLT. If making your reservation online, please type this three letter code in the Group/Convention code box.

**For More Information** please contact Faith Dabney, TLTC Project and Communication Manager, at 252-353-2040 or [fdabney@northcarolina.edu](mailto:fdabney@northcarolina.edu)

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