

Librarians Bridge the Technology Gap Teaching Teachers to Teach with Tablet PCs

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Opportunity

- Critical need for classroom space for Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health
- State provided funding for an interdisciplinary health sciences education building
- The goal is to provide a state of the art, student-focused, teaching and learning center that integrates the most recent advances in information technology to improve teaching and learning
- Library committed to ensuring faculty success with technology
- Work with faculty to identify and address course development issues, and introduce new teaching technologies
- Promote the use of Tablet PCs in teaching

Pilot Project

- Ten library faculty participated as Tablet PC trainers and in the Pilot Project
- Held weekly sessions for library faculty to teach and learn from one another
- Invited health sciences faculty to participate
 - Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health
 - Each received a Tablet PC for teaching in their current classes
 - Met monthly for sharing and instruction sessions
- Received feedback from health sciences faculty on useful features of the Tablet PC for teaching
- Used what was learned from the pilot group to develop a Tablet PC course

Course Development

- Focus on Tablet PC basics & faculty needs
- Keep instruction session to 1-hour
- Provide opportunities for one-on-one consults and point of need instruction
- Address different training opportunities
 - Course Masters
 - Departments
 - Faculty meetings
 - Scheduled classes



Teaching Teachers

- Basic Tablet PC class taught in 15 sessions to 91 individuals; includes some off-site instruction
- Fall Semester 2005 – 55+ faculty are teaching with Tablet PCs

