

Luna Community College's Title V Mission:

"Developing a comprehensive online learning network for rural, time and place-bound students."

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Recording Studio on the Move!

This summer, many of the instructors participating in the pilot test of online courses through the Luna Community College Title V initiative have been using the recently developed recording studio. Most of the instructors began by recording introductions to their online courses. As with the nature of online courses, these introduction videos will be the only time that the student will have the opportunity to see the faces of their instructors. While online courses at LCC have many tools that allow students to communicate with their instructors, in most courses video communication is unnecessary. This is because audio only communication is far less resource intensive and perfectly adequate in most scenarios. The Title V staff at LCC believes that these introductory videos will help students develop a more personal connection with their instructors and thereby foster better communication.

One instructor in particular has gone above and beyond in his efforts to utilize the recording studio to enhance his course. Dan Gonzales, longtime math instructor at LCC, has recorded videos that his students can use as a material review before each test. These short videos are made available to students a few days before each test in Gonzales' online algebra with applications courses and provide video examples of questions that will appear on the upcoming test. The hope is that this approach free up class time that would normally have been used for test review, and allow for students to review for their test at their own pace and over the subject matter they need the most help with.

"Unlike a test review in a traditionally delivered course, these videos can be viewed over and over again which will allow the students to focus on the areas they need the most help with while at the same time skipping the areas they understand," says John Tiernan, Title V staff member who has been responsible for getting the videos formatted for the Internet.

Many thanks to all of the faculty who have participated in the pilot testing of the recording studio to enhance the experiences for their online students.

Point to Ponder:

"Goals are the fuel in the furnace of achievement" - Brian Tracy, Eat that Frog

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