



Introducing Collaborate Web Conferencing!

WPUNJ Collaborate

<http://www.wpunj.edu/bb/collaborate/>

See below for details on the *Center for Teaching and Learning with Technology virtual office hours*, 8-4 Monday through Friday, from Sept. 18-Dec. 24.

Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing capabilities gives members of the university community the functionality needed to support 21st century teaching and learning environment.

Instruction leaders (instructors, moderators) need access to a WPUNJ Bb account but all participants need is a computer connected to the internet!

Collaborate **provides a variety of uses** across the curriculum and throughout university administration, including * *teaching* * *meetings* * *tutoring* * *virtual office hours* * *remote guest speakers* * *remote job candidate screening and* * *professional development*. And I bet you can think of a few more!

The **benefits** of Bb Collaborate include * *Increased completion rates & retention* * *Elimination of geographical barriers* * *Building online communities and* * *travel cost savings*.

Features include:

» **Application sharing**

Share a single application, multiple applications, or your entire desktop with your students.

» **Powerful Moderator Tools**

See all your students in the Participant window along with activity indicators that show who's entering a chat message or content on the whiteboard.

» **Interactive Whiteboard**

The staple of all classroom instruction is the whiteboard, where you can display PowerPoint or OpenOffice presentation slides.

» **Multipoint Video**

With follow-the-speaker, multipoint video, instructors can easily see who's talking, along with all the expressions and visual clues of a face-to-face conversation.

» **Breakout Rooms**

Students learn best when they engage and interact with one another in small groups to discuss course material.

» **Echo Cancellation**

Innovative technology means we can say goodbye to headsets!

Collaborate *Technical Support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week!*

<http://tinyurl.com/bb-collab-techsupport-24x7>

We're happy to announce the C-TLT Virtual Office Hours - contact us about Collaborate or any other issue relating to the integration of technology with teaching and learning.

Click here to launch a session:

<http://tinyurl.com/wpunj-collab-ctlt-officehours>

The session address may change - see the C-TLT webpage for any changes:

<http://www.wpunj.edu/irt/ctlt/>

- **Virtual office hours Monday through Friday* weekdays 10a-2p through December 24**
- Robert Harris will have a Collaborate window open whenever he is in the office, M-F 8a-4p – please feel free to drop in!
- Winter Session, inter-session and spring office hours to be determined.
- Please note that the C-TLT staff has meetings, sick days, workshops and other events that may prevent them from being available
- Staff members include all the members of the former Academic Technology Team: Robert Harris, Jae Kim and Housen Maratouk
*vacations excepted

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Please let me know if you need anything -- Robert

The best way for faculty and student to get Bb help:

<https://liberty.wpunj.edu/bb/support-center/>



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Blackboard Support:

Students: <http://www.wpunj.edu/bb/students/>

Faculty: <http://www.wpunj.edu/bb/faculty/>