How can the VLC help me as an instructor?

North Carolina Community College instructors have access to a variety of resources available through the Virtual Learning Community - Quality and Assessment, Professional Development, and Technology Centers.

Instructors can:
* Search for all available courses offered across the state at all NC community colleges whether online, hybrid, or at a campus
* Search the VLC Course Library on the VLC website
* Search the NC Learning Object Repository
* Attend training offered by the Professional Development Center
* Review technology vetted by the Technology Center
* Review best practices for teaching and learning developed by the Quality and Assessment Center

Instructional Resources Provided by the NCCCS and the VLC

North Carolina Learning Object Repository
http://explorelor.org/

The NCLOR is the North Carolina Learning Object Repository. The NCLOR provides a centralized location for the acquisition, collection, sharing, and management of quality learning resources. It is a collection of online digital learning resources known as learning objects or learning assets. It also contains a collection of professional development training resources. The material in the NCLOR is accessed through a search performed similar to a library catalog.

Using the NCLOR you can...
* Search: Find professional or individually created resources.
* Use & Adapt: Integrate and adapt these resources for your courses.
* Contribute: Share your resources with other faculty.
* Collaborate: Work together with peers.

A.D.A.M. Interactive Anatomy

The most comprehensive digital database of detailed anatomical images in the world, including illustrated, fully dissectible male and female bodies. Contact your college librarian for access to this resource.

STAT!Ref

STAT!Ref® online is a cross-searchable, healthcare reference that integrates core titles with evidence-based resources and innovative tools in one site. Contact your college librarian for access to this resource.

http://vlc.nccommunitycolleges.edu/
Course Development Resources

Did you know that VLC has ready to use online courses in both Blackboard and Moodle?

The VLC, through the Quality and Assessment Center, has developed courses for 37 degrees that are available for your college local use. The VLC develops online courses in both Blackboard and Moodle for faculty to use. Courses are developed following the VLC Course Template based on SACS and Quality Matters guidelines.

To find a VLC course, visit the VLC Course Library Page at http://vlc.nccommunitycolleges.edu/faculty/vlcLibrary.html. Here you can search for specific courses and download a list of programs that have courses developed. You can preview a course through the VLC Blackboard and Moodle sites as well. Links to these sites are provided on the VLC website. Once you have found a course you would like to use, contact your Distance Learning Administrator to download the course from the VLC to your local LMS.

In addition to building courses, the Quality and Assessment Center researches and develops guides on best practices for all aspects of online teaching and learning. Some of these guides include rubrics, plagiarism tools, and copyright guidelines.

Technology Guides

The purpose of the Technology Center is to enhance and enrich the distance learning experience while engaging the distance learner. This is accomplished by exploring and collaborating on current and emerging technologies that impact distance learning. We invite you to explore our Technology Showcase and continue the quest to employ practices that enhance teaching and learning. Technologies vetted provide information on hardware requirements, teaching applications, accessibility, and cost. You can access the Technology Showcase from the VLC Support Centers page.

Professional Development

The VLC provides training and resources through the Professional Development Center. The training developed by this center is available through onsite and online workshops and courses. Many of the training materials developed by the Professional Development Center are available through the NCLOR providing all colleges access to these resources. Training is provided on a variety of topics including: creating accessible courses and instructional content; Universal Design for Learning; using mobile devices in the classroom; how to use the NCLOR; how to enhance online courses using learning objects; training related to course management systems; and training about software applications used in distance learning.

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