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Spring 2022
Distance Education Co-Coordinators

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Please welcome **Stefanie Ulrey** in her new role as Distance Education Distance Education Co-Coordinator!

Stefanie is a tenured faculty member with over 16 years of committee service at College of Alameda. She is Peer Online Course Review (POCR) certified, completed College of Alameda's Becoming A More Effective Online Educator (BMEOE) training, and served as an instructional design coach last year. She also chaired the Department Chairs Committee for 10 years where she represented Chairs across campus in the College Council, Academic Senate, Curriculum Committee, and Peralta Federation of Teachers. She also served as Department Chair, Co-Chair, and Cluster Co-Chair of ESOL and English. Her extensive service to the college will be an asset in this new role.

Respondus LockDown Browser

Peralta discontinued academic integrity software Honorlock last Fall due to student privacy concerns. In response to urgent requests from faculty for a replacement, Respondus LockDown Browser is available for all faculty on a trial basis this Spring as a student and faculty task force evaluate its use.

What is Respondus LockDown Browser?

Respondus LockDown Browser is a web browser application that prevents students from printing, taking screenshots, using search engines, or accessing applications on their computer during an exam in Canvas. This short 2-minute video provides a brief overview of how it works.

How is Respondus different from Honorlock and Proctorio?

Respondus LockDown Broswer does **not** use student webcams and microphones to make recordings during assessments. There is a separate product that Respondus offers that does use student webcams called Respondus Monitor, but this is **not** the product Peralta is testing or plans to use.

How do students and faculty download the software?

Click this link to download the software: Respondus LockDown Browser download.

What training and technical support resources are available?

- Faculty Quick Start Guide (Classic Quizzes)
- Student Quick Start Guide (Classic Quizzes)
- Faculty Quick Start Guide (New Quizzes)
- Student Quick Start Guide (New Quizzes)
- Training Resources and Videos
- Register for a free training webinar.
- Visit the Support website for technical questions or submit a help ticket.

Respondus LockDown Browser

Implementing new digital tools in the online classroom takes careful advanced planning and preparation. The implementation of Respondus LockDown Broswer *after* the semester started may present some challenges to be aware of.

Distance Education Committee Recommendations

The College of Alameda Distance Education Committee offers the recommendations below as you evaluate the use of Respondus LockDown Browser:

- The tool is only recommended if students were notified proctoring software would be used in the syllabus or other communications at the start of the course.
- Consider concerns around student technology access and equity.
- Provide students with an opportunity to opt in or out of use.
- Faculty should receive training before using new tools prior to the start of the semester where possible.
- Anticipate possible technical issues and try to address them ahead of time:
  - Spend time familiarizing students with how to get ready for and take exams.
  - Make Respondus LockDown Browser training resources accessible to students in advance of the first quiz or exam.
  - Consider offering students a low stakes practice quiz or exam to get used to the software.

Online Teaching Conference 2022

ONLINE TEACHING CONFERENCE

SILVER LININGS: REFLECTING. REVISIONING. RISING.

The Online Teaching Conference is back in-person this year in sunny Long Beach, California!

The Online Teaching Conference is a premier gathering of California Community College faculty, staff, and administrators who are leading the way in developing innovative and effective online education.

As an inter-segmental conference focused on curriculum, pedagogy and technology to improve online instruction, learning, and student success, the Online Teaching Conference is an opportunity for educators to network with colleagues, connect, share knowledge, impart and receive best practices, and develop professionally.
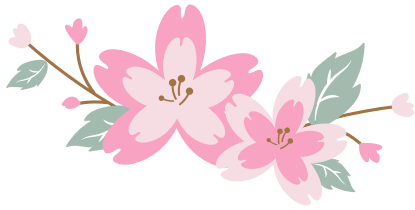
2022 Conference Registration

Dates: June 29 - July 1, 2022
Location: Long Beach Convention Center
Early Bird Pricing: $299 (thru April 15th)
Register Now and Learn More Here!

Connect with Us

Community of Practice

Join your Distance Education colleagues in a monthly community of practice session. The goal is to create space for faculty to collaborate regularly, share distance education practices, and advance individual and college goals.

- WHEN: **1st Wednesdays from 12:30PM - 1:30PM.** Remaining Spring 2022 dates are:
  - Wed 3/2
  - Wed 4/6
  - Wed 5/4
- WHERE: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/distance.education

Distance Education Committee

The College of Alameda Distance Education Committee is charged with reviewing and recommending policies, procedures, and practices to achieve academic excellence and success for online students. Learn more on the DE Committee website.

- WHEN: **3rd Wednesdays from 12:30PM - 1:30PM**. Remaining Spring 2022 dates are:
  - Wed 3/16
  - Wed 4/20
  - Wed 5/18
- WHERE: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/distance.education

Live One-On-One Help

- Call Canvas support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (844) 592-2199.

Web Resources

- Peralta Faculty Resources Canvas Shell (FRCS)
- College of Alameda DE Faculty Resources
- PeopleSoft User Guides

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