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CETL Faculty Certificate Program – 2004-05  
Capstone Project  
Summary

The Faculty Certificate Program offered many activities, workshops and presentations for a new faculty member to attend. Each program offered some new piece of information or a new way to instruct, and the collaborative nature of individuals within the group was invaluable to me as a new faculty member at Minnesota State University.

I believe one of my strengths coming to the University, and in my department, was my personal experience with online learning. Although I was not familiar with the new platform of Desire 2 Learn, I wanted to access it as soon as possible. Consequently, my first classes were up and running in a very basic mode. I demonstrated this to the group by displaying the set up of one of my courses. This course utilized the News/Announcements section of D2L, the discussion board and the dropbox predominantly.

Since attending the Faculty Certificate Program sessions, I have attended several D2L training sessions and have expanded my course content. The same class I demonstrated as 'basic' is also offered during the summer, and the course has been refined to include many more aspects of D2L. I have the Content section set up to include PowerPoint and web links; the discussion section is still used, as well as the dropbox; the course assessments/grades section and group function have been incorporated to promote more diverse learning in the online setting.