

The Use of Skype in the Online Learning Environment

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Session Objectives

This session will highlight best practices in relationship to the use of Skype into the online teaching environment. Use of this tool can provide learners with one to one contact with their instructor without any additional cost to either the learner or instructor.

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- The learner is able to:
 - One to one communication with the instructor
 - Feedback on a “personal” level
 - Receive individual feedback on an as needed basis

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- Basic set up of the freeware is available via the Internet.
- Installation takes only a few minutes to set up a log in and user password.
- Freedom to have audio with webcam or only audio.

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- Basic practice would be to call instructor “informally” to ensure installation has been done correctly.
- Instructor sets up “office hours” so that learners can log in for one-to-one assistance. This creates a win-win situation for all involved.

Questions?