

# How May We HELP you?

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## Our Philosophy

We believe that Blackboard is a tool to support teaching and learning and that TWU instructors are the designers and developers of powerful learning experiences. Our passion is helping you develop specific teaching and learning activities to provide students with the exact experiences that you believe will contribute to their understanding of content.

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## How We Approach Our Work

Our job is to help you “capture your vision” and to work with you to make it a reality. We will put in the time and research to help you create this vision. We start with the end in mind and work through the assessments and activities that will lead to the learning you want in your course.

We are about teaching and learning – we just choose to do it in the distance education arena. We are about making you successful and helping you make your students successful.

## How We Might Assist You

1. Develop an ongoing partnership so you have someone to talk to about specific teaching and learning issues for your course
2. Research issues to help you achieve your vision for the course
3. Educate on the pedagogy of online teaching and learning
4. Work with you and the Distance Learning Librarian to find and utilize more outside academic resources for your course
5. Develop prototypes of activities and interactions based on faculty ideas
6. Demonstrate how to accomplish uploads, formatting and other uses of the LMS
7. Demonstrate, train and explore options for data entry of content
8. Provide recommendation on
  - packaging content
  - teaching, learning and assessment options for the course
  - interaction and management strategies
  - matching tools and technologies to online content
  - navigation, organization and frameworks for content and course layout
  - transitioning face-to-face activities and materials to the online environment

## Helpful Resources

**TWU ID** – Online resources (200+ pages) for distance educators

<http://twuid.pbwiki.com>

**The Online Instructor** – DE Faculty Blog

<http://theonlineinstructor.blogspot.com>

**DE Faculty Development Opportunities**

<http://www.twu.edu/de/development.asp>

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Bringing the best to online teaching and learning