



Fall 2007

➤ **SACS Updates**

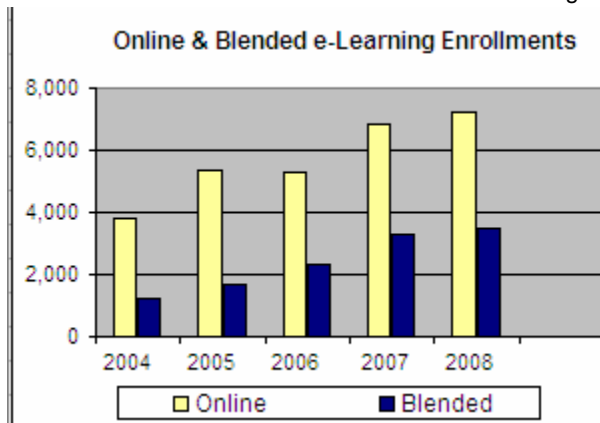
BCC's e-learning program reached a notable benchmark this fall when the college requested permission from SACS, our accrediting agency, to offer fully online degrees and certificates.



Over the past eight years, our faculty have developed a sufficient number of online courses to make possible the delivery of the following degree programs: AA Liberal Arts, AS & AAS Accounting, AS General Business, and AAS Business Administration. In addition, four certificates in the business area are being delivered online.

➤ **E-learning Growth**

As shown in the graph below, BCC e-learning enrollment has increased 30% per year for the past 3 years. E-learning is contributing to each campus' enrollment growth, and relieving some of the pressure to create brick and motor solutions to accommodate future enrollment growth.



➤ **E-learning Website**

Are BCC students ready for e-learning? Check out the new e-learning website at www.broward.edu/elearning/. Among various e-learning resources for students and faculty, the readiness survey and online orientation, will help students determine whether online classes are the right choice for them. These new resources will be fully operational in January 2008.



➤ **Blackboard Updates**

During the Winter break the Blackboard system will be upgraded with the latest hot-fixes and patches. This will provide an even more stable operating environment for e-learning at BCC. Additionally, the upgrades will ensure that faculty and students using Office 2007 suite will be able to seamlessly utilize their new application with Blackboard.



➤ **"e-Learning Communities" (Title V)**

By 20082, about 40 faculty and 250 students across BCC campuses will be involved with 6 e-Learning Communities, which utilize Blackboard tools and integrate various disciplines from Reading, Pre-Algebra, Psychology, ESL to SLS, Wellness and Computer Literacy and more. For more information, please contact Charlene Koonin at 6476 or email ckoonin@broward.edu.



➤ **Other E-learning Initiatives**

-- Both **Automotive Service Management** and **Avionics** programs are currently under active development. The goal is to offer both as blended programs in 2009.
 -- **Student Life Skills (SLS)** training for new SLS faculty will incorporate Blackboard tools as an optimal way not only to support student learning but also to provide informational resources related to student success.

➤ **Make Your On-Campus Classes "Green"!**

Register for "**Blackboard Lite Workshop**" in the Winter 08 term and make your on-campus classes "**green**"! When you use Blackboard to enhance your on-campus classes, you no longer need to make copies of course materials for students. Students can access course materials and resources 24x7 and can communicate with you as well as with their classmates any time.





➤ **Meet Yaping Gao, District Director of Instructional Design**



Instructional Technology welcomes Yaping Gao as our newest member. Yaping holds a doctoral degree in instructional technology and she joined BCC this Fall. Among other duties, Yaping provides instructional design support to faculty and assists them with e-learning course development. Yaping can be reached at x6360 or email ygao@broward.edu.

➤ **Tips & Tricks**

- Do you know that you can re-arrange your course list after you log into Blackboard by clicking the little yellow pencil  in the top right corner of your Course List?
- Do you know that you can download and save your Blackboard Grade Book as a spreadsheet file?
- Do you know you can grade your students' discussion postings right on the spot with the action menu  ?
- Do you know that we can create a set of banner and icons for your discipline-specific e-learning courses?

* Contact Yaping Gao for more details on the tips above.