

FALL FLEX PRESENTATION-  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 10:00 - 11:30

# WHAT'S YOUR PRACTICE?

The journey to becoming an excellent teacher begins with knowing who your students are. The next steps on that road include keeping abreast of new strategies and tools that maintain a fresh and effective approach to learning. These steps will be the focus of this keynote presentation. Participants will be asked to identify the hallmarks of their own teaching practice which will lead to the generation of new ideas for reaching and teaching every one of their students.



**Pat James**

Pat James has been a leader in Distance Education in California since 2000. She has taught digital media courses online and face-to-face, was chair of the ASCCC Technology Committee and served on the Senate Executive Committee, she won the Chancellor's Office Technology Innovators' award in 2008 and the innovative project award in 2011. As Dean of Instructional Technology and DE at Mt. San Jacinto Community College, she co-directed the state @ONE professional development project, served on many system advisory committees, and taught online educators through the @ONE certification program. She is still teaching through @ONE! She has also provided instructional design support for a variety of colleges and universities and currently serves on the WCET Executive Advisory Council. In 2012, under her direction, Mt. San Jacinto College was awarded a Gates Foundation grant to build a developmental writing MOOC. She previously served as the Executive Director of the California Community Colleges' Online Education Initiative. Pat is dedicated to developing quality distance learning opportunities and has just started a new position with American Public University assisting with designing community college partnerships.

## WE ARE THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BEYOND THE ONLINE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

This part of the session will explore how the initiative has unfolded and what the future plans include. Attendees will be able to connect with the resources available through the OEI (now branded CVC-OEI) and learn about the opportunities for professional development and for connecting with other online educators across the state.

Bob Nash is Dean of Academic Affairs for the California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative, a collaborative program funded by the state Chancellor's Office and administered by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. Previously, Mr. Nash served as the Associate Dean of Distance Learning and Professional Development at Coastline College in Fountain Valley, CA. He has also supervised Coastline's TEACH3 (teacher prep) program, the instructional design and faculty support unit, and has taught online student readiness courses. Bob is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and holds a M.S.Ed. in instructional technology from the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education.



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# **Building Relationships in Online Learning Environments**

**Pat James and Bob Nash**

In this interactive session, we will take a close look at how we communicate with our online students and how they communicate with each other. There will be discussions about strategies for using Canvas effectively and about changing the way we think about some of the standard tools for conversation online. The current Title 5 regulations (and Federal regs, too) require instructor to student interaction and the recent changes to the regulations require student to student interactivity, as well. The session will be a blending of information sharing and active instructional design work. Participants will leave with some ideas that they can implement immediately within their online teaching practice.