

New Adjunct Faculty Orientation to  
**Distance & Accelerated  
Learning**  
at College of the Canyons

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# Learning Outcome

- **By the end of this presentation, you will be able to explain the different class delivery formats available at College of the Canyons.**

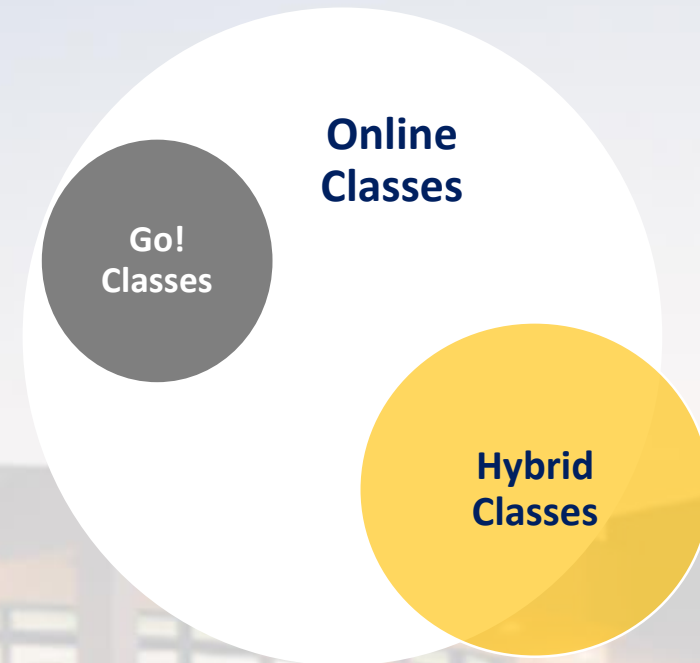
# Overview of Distance & Accelerated Learning

- **Programs Offered at College of the Canyons:**
  - **Online Classes**
  - **Hybrid Classes**
  - **Go! Online Classes**
  - **Personalized Accelerated Learning (PAL)**
  - **Weekend College**



# Online & Hybrid Classes

- **Online & Hybrid classes**
  - Online classes have no face to face meetings and are taught using an online learning management system
  - Hybrid classes are considered online classes that happen to have some scheduled on-campus meeting times
  - Full-term & compressed
  - Offered fall, winter, spring, summer
  - Variety of subjects
- **Go! Classes**
  - 5 week accelerated online courses
  - Offered fall, spring
  - Variety of subjects



# **Personalized Accelerated Learning (PAL)**

- **Links 2 or 3 English or math courses to be taken in one semester**
- **Students have the same instructor and same classmates for both linked classes (cohort)**
- **Allows students to complete English or math prerequisites quicker**
- **Accelerated classes**
- **Orientation required before students can sign up**

# Weekend College

- **Pilot program starting fall 2014**
- **1 year program**
- **GE requirements for an Associates Degree**
- **Online/hybrid classes**
- **Saturdays at the Canyon Country Campus**
- **Orientation required before students can sign up**



# The Benefits of Online Learning to Our Students and the Local Community

## Convenience and flexibility

- **Flexible schedule/ease of accessibility:** Access the course at any time, so you can continue to fulfill work, family and other commitments!
- **Control of study time:** Unlike more rigid face-to-face meeting formats, students can choose how long to work on coursework in a single sitting.

# Benefits of Online Learning (continued)

## Student enrichment

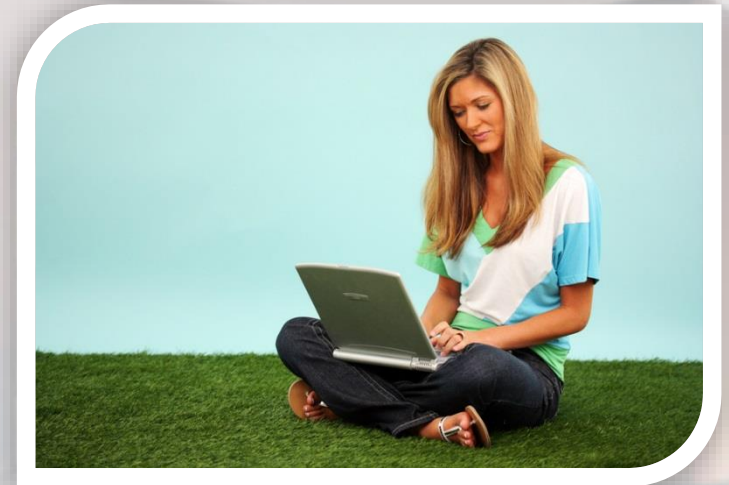
- **Time to absorb material:** Due to the more flexible schedule of online classes, students can take more time to review or revisit presented material, etc.
- **Online communication:** Some students may be more inclined to approach an instructor in an online setting rather than face-to-face.
- **Interaction Opportunities:** Some students may feel more comfortable interacting in the online space than they would in a face-to-face class. Students may have more time to think about a response, which can increase interaction as well.



# Benefits of Online Learning (continued)

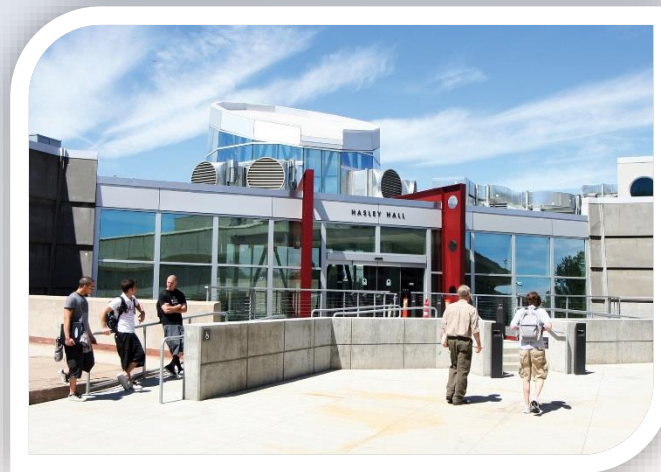
## Cost-effectiveness

- Transportation costs
- Babysitting
- Parking passes
- Open educational resources (including textbooks)



# Services and Support Available From Distance & Accelerated Learning Office

- Instructional design
- Instructor orientation letters
- Certification to teach online
- DECT Captioning Grant
- Workshops
  - 3C Media Solutions
  - CCCConfer
  - Open Textbooks
  - One-on-one Distance Learning Coaching
  - Blackboard Training (for online or face-to-face instructors)



# Instructor Orientation Letters

- **Online and hybrid faculty are asked to submit an “orientation letter” to our department for us to share on our website**
- **Helps students find the right class when registering**
- **Sets the tone from the instructor to the student for the online or hybrid class**
- **Due to our office before term schedule is posted online (so that students can see the letters during the class search)**

# Training & Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching

Effective September 2006, as approved by the Academic Senate:

- **Prior to teaching online, an instructor must complete the following (or the equivalent):**
  - **6 hours of Blackboard training**
    - Workshops offered on campus throughout the year
  - **1 hour Section 508/accessibility workshop**
    - Workshops offered on campus throughout the year
  - **2 credit College-level course in online teaching strategies**
    - At COC, the course *Introduction to Online Teaching and Learning* fulfills this requirement
    - Offered online through the Institute of Teaching and Learning
    - Typically offered once or twice per year
    - Equivalent course available through @ONE ([www.onefortraining.org](http://www.onefortraining.org))

# Any Questions?

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