

Teaching and Learning in the Cloud



Holland Christian High School - October 21-22, 2010

Call for Presenters

Teaching and Learning in the Cloud is a new conference for educators in Michigan, highlighting the transition away from desktop computers and software installers, toward mobile platforms that follow the user wherever they are. Cloud computing is a trend in technology that makes sense for schools, and we want Michigan's educators to be ready to use these tools with students. This conference, sponsored by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and hosted by the Holland Christian Schools, will show educators how to use the growing set of cloud computing tools and resources to support student learning and achievement.

We Need You

We are seeking educators who have experience in both using cloud computing tools on their own and in leading other educators in using these tools to support student learning. We would like you to share your stories and skills with K-16 educators throughout the region in this new conference event. This two-day conference will include a day of hands-on workshops on these tools, as well as a more traditional conference with both 50-minute long demonstration sessions and 90 minutes hands-on sessions to develop skills and provide ideas of how these new tools address student understanding. We welcome proposals from all educators who can show how these tools support and enhance collaboration and learning.

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October 22

**Holland Christian High School
Holland, Michigan**

Half-day Workshop

These workshops on Oct. 21 will be 3.5 hour extensive workshops sponsored by the MACUL SIG groups. If interested in presenting such a workshop, contact Stephen Best by Aug. 1 for more information.

Presentation Formats

50 minute presentations

These sessions will focus on presenting information about a project, instructional practice, or set of cloud computing tools with a specific function. They will focus on presenting information for attendees to examine in depth at a later date.

90 minute workshops

These sessions will focus on providing hands-on opportunities for participants to explore a particular tool or site in depth using their own laptop and working with the presenter toward a specific learning goal.

Speaker Resources and Benefits

On-Site Resources

All classrooms have two data projectors. Some classrooms are larger with flexible layout. The conference site will provide wireless Internet access for all attendees, with technical support staff on hand to address problems.

Benefits

Presenters at the conference will be provided with complimentary registration for the day, which includes lunch on site and access to all conference materials. We will also provide a common site where presenters can post notes, links etc.

Proposal Requirements

Speakers will need to identify which of the above presentation formats will work best for their topic and the conference focus. All sessions should try to address both the cloud-computing tools themselves as well as their application in supporting learning for students or teachers. In addition proposals should include:

- Curriculum areas and strands for any examples presented or used in the session.
- URLs of the cloud-computing tools, research related to their use, and examples of classroom use (so that we can test these in advance and include links in the program)
- A 3-4 sentence description of the session, including any key points that may be made, and a mention of any examples that might be demonstrated.

Timeline

Proposal submissions are due to be posted by **August 16, 2010** on the conference website. Proposals will be reviewed immediately following that, and presenters will be notified by August 23 about whether the proposals were accepted, when and where they will present, along with any other information. Presenters will need to confirm their participation and register (registration fee is waived) by September 13 to ensure they are included in the program.

Registration for the conference will begin in late August through MACUL (<http://www.macul.org>). We plan to post the full program for the conference by September 1. Details of sessions or arrangements can be found at the conference site: <http://webtools4learning.org/>



PROPOSALS DUE AUG. 16

Presenters must submit proposals using the proposal submission form at the URL below:
<http://webtools4learning.org>