As your course continues, can you engage students with Active Learning strategies?

**Classroom Activities for Active Learning** suggests that active learning techniques can

- Contribute to a student's likelihood of completing a course,
- Encourage the mastery of critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Which classroom activity will you consider?

**Active Learning Overview**

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**Creative Problem Solving**

Can you think like a genius? Using a creative approach to problem solving can help you to think productively. Review the nine approaches to problem solving. Can you rethink, combine, form, produce, and fail? Or, watch this TED video where Raphael DiLuzio details the seven steps of creative thinking.

**How creative are you?**

Explore Mind Tools. Take the creativity quiz! APP it! Luminosity can train your brain! National Geographic presents Braingames!

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Use the New Faculty Checklist to plan your entire semester!
### Communicating With MyHCC

MyHCC features a range of communication tools you can use to engage your students. Use email or messages for private communication, or announcements for class feedback.

- **Sending Email**
- **Sending Messages**
- **How to Create Announcements**

### Microsoft Outlook 2013

HCC provides all faculty with an Outlook email account. Review the [HCC Email Usage Policy](#). You should check this account frequently for institutional and departmental communication, and use this account for all student communication. A few basic tasks you may want to consider include creating a signature, calendar appointments, scheduling meetings, or creating a contact list.

- **Basic Tasks in Outlook 2013**
- **Outlook 2013 Quick Start Guide**

Or, [Explore the new features of Outlook 2013 via a video!](#)

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