



New Faculty Teaching & Learning Tips



Spring 2014 Week Five Newsletter

Faculty Corner



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](#)

Student Corner



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!](#)

Use the [New Faculty Checklist](#) to plan your entire semester!

MyHCC Corner

Technology Corner

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](#)

Blackboard OnDemand Learning Center –

[Using Web 2.0 tools](#)

Blackboard Innovative Teaching Series –

[Blackboard and the Online Collaborative Experience](#) YouTube Webinar



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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