



VLE 101

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Learning Goals

By the end of this session, you will learn how to:

- ▶ Login into your board's VLE and access your course;
- ▶ Perform basic class navigation and activate your class;
- ▶ Personalize your homepage and navbar (board dependent);
- ▶ Post via Activity Feed and/or Announcements;
- ▶ Maximize your Classlist and email;
- ▶ Manage your course content;
- ▶ Identify appropriate assessment tools; and
- ▶ Access summer school resources!

Getting Started

- ▶ Get to know what tools exist - and leverage them.
- ▶ Know the supports that exist.
- ▶ Create a calendar.
- ▶ Have an announcement ready for students.
- ▶ Ensure Content/Orientation is ready to go.
- ▶ Contact your students!

Homepage & Navbar

- ▶ Make it simple.
- ▶ Limit and prioritize your navbar icons.
- ▶ Limit the widgets.
- ▶ Maximize the Calendar tool.
- ▶ Add/remove tools when needed!

Activity Feed/Announcements

- ▶ Use this to streamline your course navigation for students.
 - ▶ Link to content and course tasks.
- ▶ Make them engaging.
- ▶ Time release them.
- ▶ Consider Day #1, Day #2 Announcements.

Classlist & Email

- ▶ Email students directly from the classlist.
- ▶ Use Classlist for attendance.
- ▶ Know where your emails are going.
 - ▶ Internal vs. external
 - ▶ Can you receive external emails?
- ▶ Consider intelligent agents.

Course Content

- ▶ Divide your course up into “days”.
- ▶ Keep hidden what is not needed.
- ▶ Use restrictions to release items.
- ▶ Update your content.
- ▶ Check your links!

Summer School in the VLE

The screenshot shows the Ontario VLE interface for a course titled "Summer School in the VLE". The user is logged in as "Carrie Huffman" (CH). The interface includes a navigation menu with "Content", "Course Admin", and "Self Registration". A progress indicator shows "0% Expectations" and a "+ New Unit" button. The main content area is titled "Summer Learning" and includes a description of the program, a list of topics, and a note about school board requirements.

Ontario Summer School in the VLE

Content Course Admin Self Registration

0% Expectations + New Unit Visible Add Existing Create New

Summer Learning

Summer School is a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers alike to really dive into learning. Its unique learning environment is compact, sometimes intense, and requires much focus from teachers and students to stay on top of the work and overcome the unique challenges it brings. As you begin to think about what you can do to ensure success for your students this summer, explore these modules that have been created in an attempt to outline strategies that harness the VLE and deliver an exceptional learning experience when teaching online.

Topics covered in this course include:

1. **Structuring Your Online Course** - a look at how you can structure the content in your course to best meet the needs of your students and the reporting requirements of a lessons-based register.
2. **Before the First Day of Classes** - an overview of the little things you can do in your online course to prepare for the first day of class.
3. **Communicating with Students & Parents** - a quick synopsis of the tools available that will help you to communicate and keep students (and parents) on track throughout the summer term.
4. **Adding and Editing Content** - a quick review of how to manage your content.
5. **Assessment & Evaluation** - a look at the tools in the VLE that will help you keep on top of the increased marking workload of the summer term.
6. **Tools in the VLE** - an overview of additional tools in the VLE that you can use to engage students.

Specific Summer School policies and processes will vary from board to board, but what is covered in this module will suggest some promising practices you may be able to adapt to your online summer school course.

Please contact your Summer School Supervisor to make sure you are meeting all of your school board's requirements.

Top things teachers need to know!

Structuring Your Online Course

- ▶ 20 lessons
- ▶ Customizing homepage/navbar
- ▶ Organizing content and calendar

Before the First Day of Classes

- ▶ Course activation
- ▶ Orientation materials
- ▶ Creating announcements

Communicating with Parents and Students

- ▶ Email and notifications

Adding/Editing Content

- ▶ The WYSIWYG editor

Assessment and Evaluation

- ▶ Grades
- ▶ Annotations
- ▶ Rubrics

Tools in the VLE

- ▶ Virtual Classroom
- ▶ Quizzes
- ▶ Surveys

Questions?



THANK YOU!

We hope this presentation will assist you with summer school this year.