**LEARNING TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES**

The TTU IT Division invites you to attend Fall 2015 ShortCourses. Courses are taught by IT professionals at no charge to TTU faculty, staff, and students. All ShortCourses are held in the ATLC (Advanced Technology Learning Center) facility computer labs, in the west basement of the University Library building. Upcoming ShortCourses include Microsoft Excel, Access, and Word, as well as Photoshop, Online Reputation Management, and more. For additional information and registration, please visit www.its.ttu.edu/training/shortcourses.

The TTU IT Division also offers online training on your schedule. The TTU IT Division supports 24/7 “anytime, anywhere” for the TTU community with free online Computer-Based Training (CBT). CBT, a Skillsoft product, is a self-paced, interactive training system with over 5,000 courses available to all TTU faculty, staff, and students. CBT courses can be used for professional development, resume enhancement, academic curriculum support, course supplement, and on-the-job training. The wide range of course offerings make CBT courses valuable for faculty, staff, and students with all experience levels and technical backgrounds.

Examples of available course topics:
- Basic-to-advanced software application skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access)
- Human Resources and Talent Management;
- Budgeting Fundamentals;
- Server management skills;
- Programming skills;
- Customer service skills and management;
- Financial management skills;
- Project management skills; and
- General management.

TTU has partnered with Skillsoft since 1999 to bring the campus this rich set of online training content. The multimedia learning modules are highly professional, and the content is designed by industry experts.

Faculty, staff, and students report the following features are the most popular:
- Download a course and work offline from anywhere;
- Track course progress;
- Select relevant course components (just-in-time training);
- Set goals and reminders; and
- Assess skill mastery.

Visit www.cbt.ttu.edu, provide your eRaider credentials, and access the extensive course catalog – begin your online learning!

**DISCOVER NBC LEARN @ TTU**

Through a special project sponsored by the TTU Office of the Provost, all TTU faculty, staff, and students now have access through their eRaider ID to the NBC Learn Higher Ed website. NBC Learn content is also searchable through the TTU Library. In addition, NBC Learn is available for use in general education classes and in courses through Rosetta Stone, a provider who wishes to incorporate content into their classroom or online courses, and for students who wish to view and search.

NBC Learn Higher Ed includes:
- Over 10,000 primary source videos, documents, letters, and images;
- Current events videos updated daily;
- Resources for Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Careers, Business, and most disciplines;
- Historic news broadcasts and newreels from the 1930’s to the present;
- Full transcripts and bibliographic citations;
- Closed captioning for all resources;
- Rigorous, staff, and right-authorized for educational use;
- Intuitive search and customer friendly interactive interface; and
- Case Card Media player.

The TTU community can access this exciting new service in three different ways:

1. **TTU NBC Learn Site**
   - On the web, go to http://nbclearn.ttu.edu, sign-in with your eRaider, and start searching and viewing NBC Learn content. From this site, you will have personalized access to NBC Learn, and can create play lists and export course curriculum support, course supplement, and on-the-job training.

2. **TTU Library Search**
   - From the TTU Library Search page, search using your topic, forwards, and items from NBC Learn will be included in your search results.

3. **Blackboard Access**
   - NBC Learn is available in Blackboard for faculty who wish to incorporate this content into their instructional materials. Note that students and faculty can create and maintain a list of favorite NBC content within their Blackboard course.
   - Non-personalized access to NBC Learn Higher Ed is also available from any campus or home computer by visiting http://highered.nbclearn.com.

For more information regarding this new service, visit the informational site, http://www.it.ttu.edu/nbclearn. For additional questions or information, please contact IT Help Central or (806) 742-4357 (HELP).

**MESSAGE FROM THE CIO**

Welcome back to another Red Raider year! In this edition, we would like to highlight recent Technology Division, TTU IT computing facilities, and askIT, our online help resource. Fall is a good time to update your emergency contact information in the TTU TechAlert System, so that you can receive urgent official communications. We encourage you to use our program, which is available for all students, faculty, and staff across TTU. You may also visit it@ttu.edu for software information about a variety of applications. For additional questions, call IT Help Central at (806) 742-4357 (HELP) or it@ttu.edu.

Finally, please review the TTU Acceptable Use policy for information resources. Here’s to another energetic and exciting fall semester — from here it’s possible! Go Tech!

—Sam Segran
Associate Vice President for IT and Chief Information Officer

**STRIVE FOR HONOR: USING INFORMATION RESOURCES AT TTU**

As you take advantage of the many information resources provided by Texas Tech University, please remember that use of these resources must adhere to the TTU IT Acceptable Use Policy. The Acceptable Use Policy defines your personal responsibilities when using TTU information resources. Examples of institutional information resources include but are not limited to, mobile devices, electronic files, data, and computer hardware, software, peripherals, networks, etc.

Highlights of the Acceptable Use Policy:
- The TTU policy applies to all TTU faculty, staff, students, and others granted access to any University information resources, regardless of location or method of access;
- Information resources must be used in a manner consistent with the mission and objectives of TTU and the State of Texas;
- TTU faculty, staff, and students must only use information resources they have been granted access to and no one may attempt to circumvent security measures;
- Information on safe computing practices is available from the campus community at http://www.it.ttu.edu/safecomputing/. Please report any potential or actual IT security violations or weaknesses immediately to the TTU Information Security Officer at (806) 742-0840 or security@ttu.edu;
- Be respectful, courteous, and ethical in the use of information resources;
- Do not share information resource information (e.g., eRaider username or password); Any can create and maintain a list of favorite NBC content within their Blackboard course.
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- Incidental personal use is restricted to authorized users within certain guidelines (outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy).
- TTU information resources must not be used for personal/ commercial gain or for political activity; and
- All use of information resources must be used in accordance with local policies and applicable state/federal law.

We invite you to review the complete list of TTU IT Security Policies at http://www.it.ttu.edu/security. In all things at TTU, Integrity Matters!
In addition, the TTU IT Division manages the following remote lab facilities:

- Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed Residence Hall Complex;
- Carpenter/Wells Complex;
- Coleman Residence Hall complex;
- Media and Communication Building, room 363 (new lab in Old BA Building);
- Student Union Building;
- Graduate Student Center;
- The Military Veterans Association in West Hall;
- Kinesiology and Sport Management;
- Honors College; and
- Holden Hall Student Advising Center.

For more information on computing labs, please visit http://www.depts.ttu.edu/itts/labs/index.php. For assistance while using one of our remote facilities, you may contact IT Help Central at (806) 742-4357 (HELP); ithelpcentral@ttu.edu; or http://www.ithelpcentral.ttu.edu. Note that you will need your eRaider username and password to log on to the ATLC computers, and a University ID Card is needed to access some of the remote facilities.

These touchscreen kiosks display maps of the Student Union Building and the Texas Tech University main campus, as well as Citibus routes, parking information, SUB events, and TTU events (Events@TexasTech). Each kiosk is wheelchair-accessible and has options for high-contrast display and audio guides, ensuring all students and visitors can locate directions and navigate our large, beautiful campus with confidence.

For more information about obtaining Wayfinding kiosks or digital signage for your area, please contact IT Help Central at (806) 742-4357 (HELP) or ithelpcentral@ttu.edu.

TTU IT DIVISION FALL EVENTS

- September 24th, MathWorks
- October 1st, Security Roundtable
- October 15th, Symantec
- October 27th, Dell
- November 12th, Microsoft
- November 17th, Procurement Roundtable
- December 3rd, IT Year in Review