

Innovative Ways to Teach Software Skills

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Panelists will each discuss a variety of creative ways to teach software skills. The audience will then be asked to share their experiences and comments about software skills learning.

Barbara Miller

The following topics will be presented: delivering skills courses to groups in a large state university setting, student teaching involvement with peer tutors, teaching assistants, and MBA Associate Instructors. The Associate Instructor training and the lab files that are tools for learning will also be discussed.

Roger Carlsen

Teaching techniques based on personalized project grouping and support teams based on individualized self-determined selection procedures will be explained. Online session strategies, including front-loaded, face-to-face sessions, and post learning curve virtual sessions will be examined.

Laura McManamon

Delivering skills courses to students in a private university setting is the focus of this discussion. Successes and failures for the following learning activities will be highlighted: using students as teachers for Visual Basic 6 and Microsoft Office, using independent study with computer-based training or text only and using computer testing for Microsoft Office software.