

What is on the Horizon for Extension Education? (A04-hunter161451-Oral)

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Abstract:

Innovations in information technologies allow Extension to provide life-long learning applications through the use of digital technologies and distance education. Limitless opportunities expand Extension's educational role through the engagement of multiple audiences. Critical thinking, problem solving and active learning can be stimulated when the appropriate technology is combined with well-designed educational portals. Within a framework of cultural considerations, budget constraints, and infrastructure, this presentation will discuss new and emerging technologies that hold some promise for allowing Extension to compete in the 'just-in-time learning' arena. Examples of these technologies include virtual clinics and laboratories; streaming media and teleconferencing; net-based virtual auditoriums; graphical virtual reality; and animations.

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