

## Adobe Connect to Replace BlackBoard Collaborate

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The University of Arizona has acquired an enterprise license for Adobe® Connect? to be the University?s new online meeting tool, as a result of an RFP process. Adobe Connect will replace the current BlackBoard Collaborate service effective August 31, 2015.

Adobe Connect?s web conferencing application provides the delivery of real-time online meetings with tools specifically designed for the educational experience. You can create a virtual environment for sharing presentations, images, and desktop applications with remote participants. Additional features include audio and videoconferencing, text chat, a digital whiteboard, polling, and breakout rooms for small group work. More information about Adobe Connect is available at: <http://oia.arizona.edu/resource/adobe-connect> [1]

Adobe Connect is being deployed on campus in two phases. The service is currently available for use in the University of Arizona's online course management tool, **Desire2Learn (D2L)** [2]. To get started using Adobe Connect in D2L click [here](#) [3]. Adobe Connect will be available to all university faculty and staff outside of a course management system in October 2015. Registration information and documentation will be available on the **[Office of Instruction and Assessment website](#)** [1] prior to the launch.

### Important information for faculty

**Faculty who currently have video content on BlackBoard Collaborate will need to move the content and archive it before August 31.** Instructions for archiving content and uploading it to **Panopto** [4] are available [here](#) [5]. It is recommended that faculty upload archived content into Panopto so students can continue to access it after the upgrade to Adobe Connect.

### Support

Additional faculty support resources are available through the **[Office of Instruction and Assessment](#)** [1]. Contact Dwight Farris at [dfarris@arizona.edu](mailto:dfarris@arizona.edu) [6] or 626-9913.

Contact the 24/7 IT Support Center for questions and assistance with Adobe Connect at [247.arizona.edu](http://247.arizona.edu) [7] or call (520) 626-TECH (8324).

Adobe Connect has a wide range of online tutorials available to assist you. Visit their **[website](#)** [8] to access support guides and manuals.

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### Links:

[1] <http://oia.arizona.edu/resource/adobe-connect>

[2] <http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/content/adobe-connect-overview>

[3] <http://help.d2l.arizona.edu/content/getting-started-adobe-connect>

[4] <http://uits.arizona.edu/services/panopto>

- [5] [http://oia.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/4\\_main\\_steps\\_to\\_saving\\_a\\_Collaborate\\_archive.pdf](http://oia.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/4_main_steps_to_saving_a_Collaborate_archive.pdf)
- [6] <mailto:dfarris@arizona.edu?subject=Blackboard%20Collaborate>
- [7] <http://247.arizona.edu/>
- [8] <https://helpx.adobe.com/adobe-connect.html>