



CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE

COURSE SUBJECT AREA:

Onsite and remote training, workshops, and professional development

NO. OF STUDENTS/SEATS:

Approx. 50
(Flexible/Movable Seating)

SOLUTIONS:

Furniture
Audiovisual
Integrated Technology

SPACES:

Collaborative and Multipurpose
Space with Videoconferencing
and SMART Interactive Displays



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Charter Oak State College's 21st Century Classroom Bridges the Gap for Online Learners

The recent opening of Charter Oak State College's Fleet Conference Room as a 21st Century Classroom brings new capabilities to Connecticut's only 100% online college. Charter Oak's "Degree's without Boundaries" program is using the classroom's technology to bridge the gap between the institution and the online learner.

With seamlessly integrated technologies, modern flexible furniture, and unobstructed views throughout, the Fleet Conference Room is now the central hub for all COSC's online and onsite activities. COSC's instructors can now stream or record their lectures for a global audience and interact with their students via SMART Interactive LCD touch screens and whiteboards that are used to share content from multiple sources.

Instructors feel that conducting their courses from the new space increases student collaboration and offers access to information from participants around the world:

(Charter Oak) is using the new technology to bridge the gaps in the online learning community, offering students opportunities to collaborate with their peers in a unique way.

Bill Krysinski, Assistant Director of Academic Technology

Accommodating over 50 people, faculty and administrators use the room for onsite and remote training, workshops, and professional development. The immersive telepresence in the room facilitates the inclusion of guest speakers at Board Meetings and provides the opportunity for participants to engage and collaborate via their mobile devices. The room also serves as a virtual alumni gathering space for fundraising and to improve students' networking opportunities.



We are using the new technology to make great strides and bridge the divide between students, faculty and staff to make a more cohesive community that we've never had the ability to do before.

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Administrators at Charter Oak feel that the Fleet Conference Room raises their profile in the online learning community and provides opportunities for growth in the market.