

Tech Beat

Technology with a heartbeat

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Ideas for Using Technology for Learning

The best teaching experience is a learning experience (Leecy Wise, Tech Beat 2/2003)

As a learner yourself, what appeals the most to you about using technology? What intrigues you? There's an application out there with tutorials to help you engage in an area of interest. Want to explore? Try some of the following tutorials and share them with your students as you process them:

<http://tutorials.findtutorials.com/> - Free tutorials on a variety of soft skills, such as Assertiveness, Leadership, Effective/Ineffective Behavior, Business Skills, Planning Meetings, Teamwork and more. The site also has tutorials on basic computer skills, such as organizing folders, designing forms, and others.

<http://www-micro.msb.le.ac.uk/Tutorials/Tutorials.html>—These health tutorials cover some fascinating topics with interactive sections. You can select the virus you want to become and learn more about it as you process yourself. You can time travel, learn about small pox, and much more. From the University of Leicester.

<http://www.tutorials.com/>- There's a small charge for these varied tutorials; however, several people could use the password. From the Learn2 Store. I've used several and liked them.

<http://ctl.clayton.edu/fidl/online.htm>—Technology tutorials with handouts. From Clayton College and State University.

<http://www.webteacher.org/windows.html>—Tech Corps tutorials and teacher resources.

http://www.privatelessons.net/index_basic.html – These aren't free but they're not expensive, either. Topics go from "Sex in Your Garden," to "Fly Fishing," to a variety of business, art, computer, travel and wellness courses.

<http://www.ldrc.ca/projects/projects.php?id=26>—A Learning to Learn tutorial with very inviting titles. Developed for the learning disabled adult. I quote, "The Learning Disabilities Resource Community (LDRC) has been developed to provide knowledge-building and communication tools for individuals and groups involved in the education of those with learning disabilities and to support research and development in associated fields."

If you want to have some fun, do a search on "online tutorials" and you'll find loads of subjects. Of course, Microsoft and other companies have free tutorials on their applications. Have fun!

Also online are a number of project-based lesson plans. Check out <http://www.integratelearning.org>, and click on "Lesson Bank." Nothing like getting folks into project to learn academic skills!



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