

Presented by:

# the.eighth.floor

## Blogs, Boards, Blends and Just a Bit of Bonk!

by *Dr. Curt Bonk*

### **Part I: Understanding Online Learners and Online Learning Possibilities**

Emerging technologies – such as electronic portfolios, blogs, computer games and simulations, digital books, and wireless and mobile computing – are generating waves of new opportunities in education. However, the effective use of teaching technology involves far more than simply shoveling classroom content onto a Web site.

Instructors must be trained how to motivate online students and address their individual learning styles and needs. Blended learning in particular, seems on the rise. In this workshop, Dr. Bonk will lay out several different models and definitions of blended learning.

### **Part II: Best Practices Bring Us Back to the Future**

After a decade of significant online instruction, it is imperative to reflect for a moment and forecast where this field is headed. Dr. Bonk will provide a glimpse of the future of e-learning based on large survey data he has collected and a handbook of blended learning that he recently edited. Bonk will occasionally glance into his crystal ball and make a few wizardly predictions

and make a few wizardly about key pedagogical and technological trends in K-12, career technology, and higher education and the role of instructors, schools, and institutions.



#### **Part I includes:**

- Advantages as well as disadvantages of blended learning
- More than two dozen different examples of blended learning in actual courses
- Hands-on lab experience through a range of learner readiness, multiple intelligence, and learning style instruments free on the Internet
- Showcase a few collaborative tools and features

#### **Part II includes:**

- Online community tools & courseware systems
- Interactive overview of current best practices
- Moving toward a community of innovative online instructors
- “What’s next?” Visioning

**Wednesday, January 26th, 2005**

**8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Space is limited. Please contact your Advisory Committee representative to enroll today!**