Synchronous and Asynchronous
Remote and Online Instruction Tools

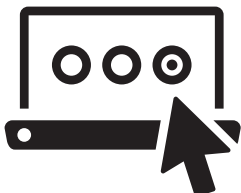### Defining Synchronous and Asynchronous Instruction

Two modes of interaction and communication exist for the delivery of online learning: synchronous and asynchronous. Which mode of delivery should you choose to employ? That depends on what will work best for the course, the students, and the instructor. Remember, there is no rule stating that online courses need to consist of one mode or the other exclusively.

Synchronous

Synchronous e-learning involves geographically dispersed students accessing the same website at the same time as an instructor. This mode of learning is typically supported by internet communications such as videoconferencing and chat. Basically, participants communicate at the same time and use the same communication tool, from different locations.

Asynchronous

Asynchronous e-learning is an on-demand online learning experience. It is typically facilitated by a learning management system. There is total flexibility with asynchronous learning, which comes in two forms, facilitated and self-paced. In other words, participants communicate at different times from different places using the same communication tool.

Synchronous and Asynchronous Canvas Tools

If interested in learning more about one of the Canvas tools listed below, click on the one that catches your eye to learn more. Also visit the Professional Development page for training dates.

Synchronous

» Web/Video Conferencing
» Chat/Instant Messaging
» Collaborations

Asynchronous

» Audio/Video Lectures
» Discussion Boards
» Quizzes

Questions?
Contact WebCollege at
webcollege@tmcc.edu

The College for the **New Nevada** (stay at home) | TMCC