

Milwaukee Area Technical College Uses IntraLearn for Virtual High School

EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

Virtual Classroom

Online Interactive

Database-driven

Individual Ports

Live Conferencing

Tracking and Analysis

Automatic Test Results

e-Commerce enabled

Online Registration

*Automatic Language
Conversion*

Windows 2000 Technology

The Virtual High School

Milwaukee Area Technical College is the largest technical college in the United States, with 65,000 full and part-time students. To accommodate these lacking a high-school diploma, MATC has embedded a regular adult high school on the technical college campus since 1923. Two years ago, the MATC realized they could extend their reach by applying the Internet to distance learning.

MATC's Adult High School Online Diploma Program has been an unqualified success. The 'Virtual High School' has produced 26 courses online and received North Central Association Accreditation. The online program leads to a regular High School diploma, a General Equivalence Diploma (GED), or a High School Equivalence Diploma. The curriculum is the same as in the classroom-based courses. In less than two years, 1,000 students have 'attended' classes online.

Mary Sorensen, the Associate Dean, High School Relations Division, at Milwaukee Area Technical College, summed up the mission of the Virtual High School, "With the Adult High School Online Diploma Program, we are able to serve the underserved."

The Internet Style of Learning

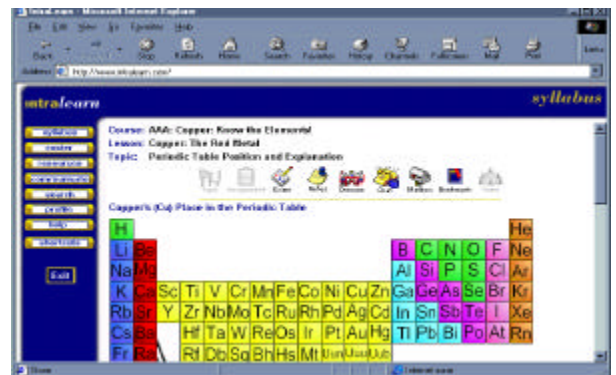
With the Internet, MATC realized they could greatly increase the number of instructors and classes by working with other district technical colleges. The challenge was to find a way to bring new online instructors, from other locations, up to speed quickly by providing software that was easy and fast for teachers to learn and use. MATC searched for the ultimate Learning Management System that not only was easy to use, but powerful enough to tie together a statewide Virtual High School, integrating Wisconsin's 16 districts.

"MATC selected IntraLearn's e-Learning Solution because it was one of only a few database-driven comprehensive course development and course management tools available," according to Sorensen, "IntraLearn is tightly

integrated with the Microsoft platform, most importantly with SQL server."

Only IntraLearn's solution offered centralized, database-driven management control, e-Commerce capabilities, remote registration and tracking and report capabilities which allowed MATC to expand their Virtual High School across the state. IntraLearn's software provides one central place from which to securely manage an entire distance learning network.

The first test for IntraLearn was an "Online Teacher Training Series." Sorensen commented, "I found creating and loading new courseware to be easy and user friendly. The ease of



IntraLearn offers courses with instant test results, comments, and remote proctoring.

use encouraged me to finish the 'Online Teacher Training Series.'"

Using IntraLearn's solution, Mary Sorensen developed the "Online Teacher Training Series" courses and has offered it to 67 instructors from across the state over the Internet. She concluded, "Without the IntraLearn e-Learning system to help manage all of this, I would not have been willing to begin this Virtual High School effort.

IntraLearn did just what I had hoped - it made it easy to bring on new instructors, who had never taught online, up to speed very quickly. IntraLearn gives me all of the "pieces"— ease of communication, ease of going through the course, many resources, great feedback from tests, etc.— I have always hoped I could find in one comprehensive database."

IntraLearn and Microsoft Join Forces

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The expanded Virtual High School program is just one example of the close working relationship between IntraLearn and Microsoft. The two companies have made a joint commitment to supply education customers with comprehensive, BackOffice-based online learning environments.

IntraLearn and Microsoft technologies form a seamless and powerful platform for robust Internet-based virtual universities. The companies will be entering into other joint ventures to advance the cause of distance learning using Internet technologies. New technologies can enhance the educational environment for students, teachers, and administrators.

Students and teachers can participate in virtual classrooms that span the globe and exploit educational resources located in any school or institution connected to the Internet. To realize these benefits, IntraLearn and Microsoft are working together to ensure that education professionals receive the leading-edge technologies to help them achieve their goals.

"I have supported many of the instructors who wished to use the IntraLearn e- Learning System. I think learning to use this tool, because of its ease of use, encouraged several of them to put courses up sooner than they had thought they could, especially since the system did not require them to perform any programming."

Mary Sorensen, the Associate Dean, High School Relations Division, at Milwaukee Area Technical College

IntraLearn enables educators to:

- *Give faculty an easy-to-use template for creating courses*
- *Use the Internet to increase enrollment*
- *Quickly place and manage existing courses on the Internet*
- *Create a dynamic and interactive learning environment*
- *Manage e-commerce-enabled, remote registration*
- *Instantly create and update course content, assignments and tests*
- *Provide consistency across all courses*
- *Maintain a single database for all registrants' courses and reports*

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