

The Learning College

“The learning college places learning first and provides educational experiences for learners any way, any place, any time.”

Terry O'Banion,
A Learning College for the 21st Century (1997)

The model is based on the assumption that educational experiences are designed for the convenience of learners rather than for the convenience of institutions and their staff members. The term “learning college” is used as a generic reference for all educational institutions.

The learning college is based on six key principles:

1. The learning college creates substantive change in individual learners.
2. The learning college engages learners as full partners in the learning process, with learners assuming primary responsibility for their own choices.
3. The learning college creates and offers as many options for learning as possible.
4. The learning college assists learners in forming and participating in collaborative learning activities.
5. The learning college defines the roles of learning facilitators by the needs of the learners.
6. The learning college and its learning facilitators succeed only when improved learning can be documented for its learners.

