

Transitioning a course from KET to 100% Online
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Kentucky Educational Television (KET) began the process of converting the KET Telecourses to on-line delivery in 2007. KET and KCTCS selected from among KCTCS and the University of Kentucky faculty who were interested or experienced in teaching on-line to redesign the courses within Blackboard. I had been teaching (facilitating) the KET Journey to Health telecourse for many years and was very interested in developing the on-line version for KET. The telecourse served a need for students but I thought that on-line delivery was another viable option for students.

Veena Sallan, an Owensboro Technical College biology faculty who had also been teaching the telecourse for many years, and I worked as a team in the development of the on-line KHP 230 course. We worked under the direction of Laura Orsetti, Post-Secondary Education Manager for KET. Both of us had the support of our respective Instructional Technology and Distance Learning Specialist. For me it was and is Tang Suppacheewa. We began our work in earnest in January 2007 and completed the work in July, 2007.

I taught the class for the first time in August 2007 semester. Students were overall pleased with the course design. My biggest challenge in the development and teaching of the course has been technology issues: lack of familiarity with Blackboard, lack of advanced computer skills. Tang Suppacheewa provided a tremendous amount of support with course development and implementation.