AKU DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING
CONSULTATION CLINICS

An important strategic objective of BDL_Net is "to build capacity of AKU faculty and staff members to teach with technology through blended, digital and fully online learning approaches" (Strategic Plan 2015-2019 for the Network of Blended and Digital Learning). In order to meet this objective, one of our strategies is to provide personalized professional development support through one-to-one consultations based on the specific needs of the faculty members.

The consultations would be provided by the educational designers within the network. The purpose of introducing this strategy is to:

- help faculty use educational technologies and tools
- provide pedagogical suggestions for integrating technology in face-to-face classrooms

Key Services

The following are some of the services which will be provided during the consultations:

- Lesson Planning feedback regarding integrating technology based on seminars and workshops already conducted by BDL Network
- Learning a new tool for a classroom lesson (including VLE)
- Suggestions on appropriate practices in Teaching and Learning with Technology (for example, if the lesson is using PowerPoint, how to design it effectively)

Please note:

- Consultations regarding the tools which have not been discussed before as part of the network's activities will be deferred.
- Technology support during classroom teaching and troubleshooting requests/questions both related to hardware and software should be forwarded to IT Service Desk or IT support personnel at the entity only.
- Copyright clearance or subscriptions for use of materials/products in any of the above-mentioned services will be the responsibility of faculty members.

The format of the consultation will be that of a clinic, where the faculty member has to book a prior appointment. The consultation will be conducted using Skype, Zoom or Team viewer. It will help faculty from all remote locations to avail the services.

Please send the request for consultations to BDL_Net staff members at least a week in advance through email. Refer to team profiles to find contact information. We will appreciate if you include in the email: the purpose of consultation, feasible date and time of appointment, details of lesson (preferably a lesson plan) and any relevant resources that will be central to the discussion.

Profiles

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Please set up an appointment with him if you need help with Interactive whiteboards, PowerPoint, Prezi, Kahoot, Google Docs and Moodle for f2f classrooms. Edward is available on Thursdays from 10:00 to 15:00 EAT for consultations. Contact: misava.edward@aku.edu or dtl.consultation@aku.edu