

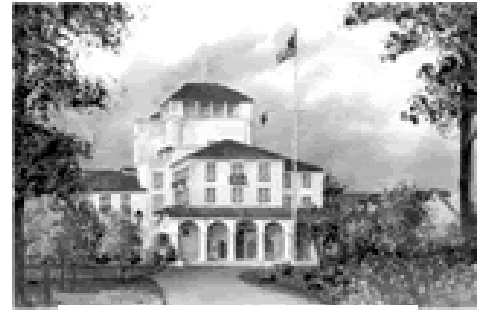


Partnership Profile Naval Postgraduate School

“NPS saved possibly years in the amount [of] time it takes to create a comprehensive faculty development program by partnering with UCF.”

Maureen Bowman, Coordinator
Distributed Learning Resource Center, Naval Postgraduate School

Course Development & Web Services (CDWS) at the University of Central Florida (UCF) continuously looks to develop relationships with other organizations seeking to launch or further their online teaching initiatives. CDWS believes that it is more beneficial to work with others than to succeed alone. It is these tenets that led CDWS to a collaboration and eventual partnership with the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California.



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NPS wanted to create an online teaching and learning program to guide participants developing distance learning at NPS. When NPS learned that UCF had developed

IDL6543, an award-winning faculty development program, they contacted Kelvin Thompson, CDWS assistant director, for further information. The lines of communication were opened, and discussions ensued. NPS and CDWS eventually joined into a partnership agreement.

The co-op had challenges. CDWS instructional designers were simultaneously sharing models and processes with their NPS counterparts while working with NPS faculty members who were going to participate in IDL6543; essentially “training-the-trainers” and mentoring the students at the same time. Adding to the challenge was the fact that this was taking place at a distance of 3,000 miles and over three time zones. To facilitate the delivery process, CDWS sent Instructional Designer Sue Bauer to California to work directly with NPS.



NPS Students

On October 1, 2002, more than 20 NPS members participated in IDL6543 in California. Maureen Bowman, coordinator of the Distributed Learning Resource Center at NPS, explained, “Having a model to follow and a partner willing to share lessons learned made it possible for us to start working with faculty in distributed course development almost immediately instead of first creating the process and infrastructure to get started.”

Ultimately NPS’ version of IDL6543 was reformatted to meet Navy specifications. The result is IDL, a program based upon the UCF approach with a strong emphasis on the technology behind online teaching and learning.

Overall the partnership between NPS and UCF was a successful learning experience for both partners. Reflecting upon the entire experience, Bowman concluded, “Partnering with UCF gave us immediate credibility by using an approach that was already tested and that had received awards.”

NPS Online – <http://online.nps.navy.mil>
NPS Distributed Learning Resource Center – <http://www.dlrc.nps.navy.mil>
For information about IDL6543 – <http://reach.ucf.edu/~idl6543>