



# Enhancing learning through technology: a synthesis of evidence-based practice

*Seminar examining the use  
of technology to enhance  
professional learning and  
teaching practice*

10:30–15:30 Wednesday 29 September  
Jenny Lee Building, Walton Hall,  
The Open University, Milton Keynes

A Higher Education Academy funded event  
led by Linda Price and Adrian Kirkwood  
(The Open University)

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## Abstract

This seminar will present the findings of a Higher Education Academy funded project synthesising examples of good practice in the use of technology to enhance the student experience. The seminar incorporates findings from a literature review, as well as reflections from practitioners and examples of evidence-informed practice will be presented. The seminar will also include an overview of findings from two related projects that have synthesised the use of evidence by practitioners in assessment and feedback, and in employability and employee learning.

## Aims

The seminar aims to provide an overview of the findings of each synthesis project and detailed discussions about the findings of the report on the use of evidence in learning and teaching practices with technology.

## Objectives

- introduce each of the three synthesis projects
- encourage discussion on what evidence-based research means
- explain the methodology employed for each project
- highlight key findings in the synthesis reports
- engage participants in discussion on points raised by the projects
- explore how these findings can inform further work in these areas

## Intended outcomes

- explain the approach adopted by these synthesis projects
- summarise key findings from each report
- identify where to find further information

## Who should attend

This seminar will be of particular interest to academics, managers and learning technologists who are planning to or are currently engaged in using technology to enhance student learning.

## Registration contact details:

Registration is free of charge. To book your place, please email [c.griffiths@open.ac.uk](mailto:c.griffiths@open.ac.uk) by 20 September.

## Programme

- 10:30 Registration, with tea and coffee on arrival
- 11:00 Introductions from Helen Thomas, the Higher Education Academy
- 11:15 Professional Learning and Teaching with Technology synthesis project: overview (Linda Price and Adrian Kirkwood, the Open University)
- 11:35 Assessment and Feedback synthesis project: overview (Lester Gilbert and Veronica Gale, Southampton University, and Denise Whitelock, Open University)
- 12:05 Employability and Employee Learning synthesis project: overview (Laura Dean and Janet Findlay, Leeds Metropolitan University)
- 12:35 Buffet lunch
- 13:15 What is Evidence? What is Professional Learning and Teaching Practice?  
– Group discussion of these issues and the framework used in the synthesis
- 13:45 Approach Adopted – Introduction to the synthesis website
- 14:00 Presentation of some examples of good practice and some podcasts/vodcasts of other academics' views
- Tea and Coffee
- 14:45 Findings – presentation of the main findings of the synthesis
- 15:05 Implications: Group discussion of the findings and implications for practice
- 15:25 Closing remarks