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About Laramie County Community College:

Laramie County Community College offers both academic, vocational and continuing education at two campuses in Cheyenne and Laramie, with an outreach center at Pine Bluffs. The college serves approximately 5,000 students per year, with 2500 to 3000 full time equivalent students. Laramie County CC is also dedicated to providing students access to new technology and offers many online courses. The commitment to distance education is written into the school's mission statement, which includes the goals of not only providing a variety of learning environments, but also alternatives to traditional classrooms.

TLE's Responsiveness Ropes in Laramie County Community College

Mel Hamburger is a bit of a cowboy at Laramie County Community College. He almost single-handedly takes the responsibility for the online math courses at his school, from beginning algebra to precalculus, because he believes in the potential of online learning. Hamburger does not generally meet his students in person, but he knows that his commitment to online courses makes it possible for people in his rural area to get an education, even if they can't make it to campus.

Hamburger's challenge has been to find effective mathematics software that, in his words, is a "true course." His determination to find the best technology to deliver his distance learning courses led him to both The Learning Equation (TLE) and Academic Systems. Having used both in his courses, he has found that the combination of content, testing options and support offered by TLE makes it the superior choice.

According to Hamburger, his students not only learn well from TLE, they enjoy it. TLE offers a multi-faceted approach to learning that, according to Hamburger, "instructs well if students take advantage of all 7 parts of the program." In addition, he finds it "very, very easy" to set up his course in the iLrn course management program that supports TLE. Unlike Academic Systems, TLE also offers online testing and assignments through the iLrn platform in an integrated package.

What really puts TLE on top, according to Hamburger, is the responsiveness of the technical and editorial team behind the program. Perhaps it is Hamburger's own pioneering position in his department that makes him especially appreciate that this team quickly tackles any technical or other issues he and his students encounter using TLE. Because TLE is completely online, corrections and fixes can be made immediately. While no technology courseware is completely perfect out of the box, Hamburger chooses TLE because he knows he and his students will have the best combination of rich content and support possible as they venture into new learning frontiers.