

Abstract

NTID's Educational Technology Resource Room A Supportive Environment for Acquisition and Application of Instructional Technologies

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The Educational Technology Resource Room (ETRR) exists to support faculty/staff development of new and innovative applications of technology in the education of deaf persons. Equipped with a variety of advanced Mac and PC computer hardware and software, scanners, printers, CD & DVD burners, video editing equipment, video captioning equipment, and digital video & still cameras, the ETRR provides access to advanced technology tools, and electronic and print resources to support curriculum and instruction, research, public information, and classroom technologies. The ETRR is staffed by professionals and students on a regular weekly schedule. Additionally, institute experts in technology work and consult in the ETRR. These individuals are available for consultation regarding the implementation of technology as well as on-the-spot answers to software/equipment questions. Services include designing training programs, developing instructional materials related to the use of new technologies, and supporting the learning of new software packages. Demonstrations and workshops are available on a regular basis and may also be schedule for special groups or topics. Our overall goal is to collaboratively explore ways in which technologies enhance classroom instruction, research and professional development. This presentation will include the philosophy behind the design and implementation of this resource room, the strengths of our staffing model, the diversity of training and support available through the ETRR, and the range and frequency of recorded usage.