Models for Improving and Optimizing Online and Blended Learning in Higher Education

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As classrooms fill with a generation of learners seeking to interact with their course materials in an increasingly experiential way, the demand for instructional technology as a supplement to, or replacement for, traditional in-class instruction has soared.

Models for Improving and Optimizing Online and Blended Learning in Higher Education examines the benefits and costs associated with the utilization of technology-mediated instructional environments. Recognizing that instructional technology could offer alternative means of communication for understanding, this collection of scholarly chapters seeks to forward the discussion on technology tool optimization for academicians, researchers, librarians, students, practitioners, professionals, engineers, and managers.

Topics Covered:
- Active Learning (REAL)
- Course Management Systems
- Differentiated Instruction
- Digital Curation
- Group Course Blogs
- Instructional Design Models
- Learning Management Systems
- Machine Learning
- Web-Based Authoring Tools

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