

# Collaborate

Important information about Collaborate Original - <https://blackboard.secure.force.com/publicbarticleview?id=kAC1O000000PAzj>

## What is Collaborate?

Blackboard Collaborate is a tool in which to conduct web-conferencing as well as comprehensive online learning.

## Getting Started

- You can only view sessions and recordings for courses in which you are enrolled
- If you are not enrolled in the course, contact the instructor for that course
- Collaborate is a complex tool. It is important that you confirm your ability to access collaborate before your first scheduled session.
- If the instructions below do not work for you, we are available to help at [CLE help@nps.edu](mailto:CLEhelp@nps.edu)

## Collaborate Current Service Status

### Connecting to a Session

Use the [NPS Collaborate Test Session](#) at any time to test your connection to a Collaborate Session. Instructions and troubleshooting for various operating systems are below.

- [Using Windows](#)
- [Using Mac](#)
- [Using IOS](#): for participants only works for viewing recordings that have been converted to MP4
- [Using Android](#): for participants only works for viewing recordings that have been converted to MP4

### Troubleshooting

- [Instructions to download the Collaborate Launcher](#) (pdf download)
- [Windows 10 Tiny Collaborate Window Issue](#)
- [If Collaborate won't run at all - Try reassociating Collaborate with Java](#)

## For Instructors -

### - Creating Sessions

Sessions can **ONLY** be created using [Sakai](#). NPS Staff and Faculty can contact [clehelp@nps.edu](mailto:clehelp@nps.edu) to request a Sakai site which they can use to create sessions.

Once sessions are created, participants do not need to be enrolled in the course site to join. Session creators will get a Guest Link which they can email to desired participants.

- [How to add the Collaborate Tool a your Sakai site](#)
- [How to create a Collaborate Session through Sakai](#)

### - Session Date/Times

The Sakai Collaborate Interface detects your location so any dates/times specified will be in your timezone. Dates/Times will be adjusted for others in their own time zones.

### - Orientations (created by vendor)

- for [Students/Participants](#) (Online Video) and [Guide](#) (pdf)
- for [Instructors/Moderators](#) (Collaborate Recording)



## - Recorded Trainings (created by NPS)

- [Instructor](#) (mp4 video)
- [Student](#) (mp4 video)

Download the [Powerpoint file](#) used in the training.

If your NPS groups will like a live training session, please contact [clehelp@nps.edu](mailto:clehelp@nps.edu) to submit a request.

## In-Session How To Guides

How to perform specific tasks in Collaborate with the improved user interface

## Collaborate Features

- **Software Echo Canceling** - any speakers and microphones can be used, no need for hardware echo cancellation
- **Mobile apps** - [IOS](#) and [Android](#) apps for Participants only, Moderators must continue to use a computer for full functionality
- **Improved User Interface** with commonly used tools easier to access
- Ability for users to **join via Phone call**, audio only

If the requestor is not a Moderator/Instructor in the session, a moderator will be contacted for distribution approval.

## Additional Questions

if you have questions or concerns not covered in these pages, please email [clehelp@nps.edu](mailto:clehelp@nps.edu).

