# m-Learning in Mental Health

**Building Technology Skills for the Labor Market** 

# The m-Learning Initiative.

KVCC prides itself on being responsive to the changing economic and technological landscape of the career fields which we prepare our students to enter. The field of Mental Health is in the process of embracing mobile technology to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their staff.

KVCC's m-Learning Initiative will provide students a unique skill set which will allow them to better compete for jobs in the Mental Health labor market. m-Learning leverages mobile technology to create a more dynamic and engaged learning environment and helps students develop the skills they will need to be productive and technology-savvy members of the Mental Health field.



# Why mobile technology?

Many mental health professionals provide services in people's homes. In doing so they often need access to information and the ability to communicate with other service providers. With smart mobile technology these professionals are better able to serve their clients in a more expedient manner. As a result, services are more timely, clients are better informed, and services are better documented.

Many agencies have already engaged this emerging technology or are preparing to do so.

#### How does this work?

KVCC Staff and Faculty have developed course content and activities that leverage the use of the iPad tools, specific apps, and the mobile nature of the device into each of the mental health courses in the program. Students who take these classes will be required to have access to an iPad in order to complete these activities and take advantage of the special content. We will also be replacing many of the textbooks with eBooks and with content developed specifically for the iPad by KVCC Faculty.

Since teaching Faculty will be selecting the apps and resources they wish you to use, they will be able to provide a high level of technical support to you, the student, as you learn to use the iPad and the required apps.

# Why the Apple iPad?

While "mobile technology" embraces many smart devices, KVCC has decided to embrace a single device approach to the m-Learning Initiative.

- Having a single-device approach ensures a standardized learning and teaching experience.
- The Apple iPad represents a superior and stable hardware, software, and application ecosystem.
- Applications within this system are screened for quality and reliability based on Apple's standards.
- KVCC already maintains a highly developed infrastructure to support the iPad platform.
- Faculty and Staff at KVCC are already familiar with the platform and are ready to provide support.



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