

ePortfolios

What are ePortfolios?

An ePortfolio is an online publication providing a record of a student's accomplishments, reflections, professional and academic work, correspondence with instructors and other materials targeted to a specific audience.

Educational Value

An e-portfolio enables faculty to	An e-portfolio enables students to
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply a performance-based assessment strategy that integrates instruction with assessment, so that what is taught/learned is reflected in measures of learner's performance. • Assess students' knowledge, skills, performance and attitudes. • Obtain a richer picture of the student's competencies. • Evaluate both the learning process and product. • Empower students by allowing them to self-evaluate, choose and present examples of their work that better demonstrate what they know and are able to do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate their learning and skills through a project that is authentic and reflects real-world contents and constraints. • Choose the work that best represents their efforts and offers a justification in the form of a reflection to explain why each item was selected. • Include indicators (evidence) such as video tapes, presentations, test scores. • Exhibit effort, progress, and achievement, not just results. • Self-select (self-assess) examples of work and level of accomplishment. • Gain empowerment through the assessment process.

Examples of Classroom Application

At VCC:

Native Education Centre Project with Wendy Seale-Bakes, and Hospitality Management Degree

Getting Started

Contact the CID at cid@vcc.ca. An IA can help you determine if ePortfolios are right for your class and explain how to develop a plan to include them in your course/program.

More Information

Educational:

- Electronic Portfolios Overview. Helen C. Barrett.
<http://electronicportfolios.com/portfolios/encyclopediaentry.htm>