

Natural Resources Distance Learning Consortium

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A Brief History

- * Established in 2003
- * USDA-FS goals
 - * reduce costs
 - * university education for professional development
 - * reduce career interruption
 - * regionally diverse curricula

DL consortium strengths

- * Meeting USDA-FS goals
 - * reduce travel costs
 - * students continue to work
 - * outsource instruction to academia
 - * university credit for courses
 - * networking opportunities
 - * access to diverse curricula

DL consortium strengths

- * Meeting university member goals
 - * reduce program development costs
 - * reduce program development time
 - * course development support
 - * collaboration opportunities
 - * access to experienced, motivated students

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NC STATE UNIVERSITY



Non-Virtual & Virtual Classrooms

It's like comparing apples and... pears



DL = Flexibility



It's not your grandma's distance learning



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2 Main Paradigms

...and infinite variations

Synchronous Delivery



Asynchronous Delivery



