



Rio Salado Community College

About Rio Salado Community College

Located in Tempe, AZ, Rio Salado Community College is known as the college without walls. Catering to over 20,000 students world wide with over 300 different online classes, Rio Salado uses the latest in learning technology to help their students achieve outstanding academic results.

Objective

Rio Salado uses a flex-start-class schedule, which allows students to start classes at their convenience. The college, however, faced a multitude of challenges with their foreign language curriculum. Students and teachers were communicating via teleconferences, leaving students with limited feedback on their performance, especially regarding foreign-language speaking and pronunciation skills. The college therefore sought a solution that would allow students to gain performance feedback throughout their foreign language course, focusing on pronunciation.

Solution

After a lengthy review process of the leading language software producers, Rio Salado decided that TELL ME MORE[®] powered by Auralog was the best fit for their criteria. Rio Salado then took a further step and, using the included tools from the software, adjusted the learning paths within the language learning software according to the Rio Salado curriculum. With the customized TELL ME MORE[®] solution implemented, students are now able to order their language learning program online. Replacing the previously used textbooks, TELL ME MORE[®] enables students to practice all areas of language learning, including pronunciation, while giving invaluable feedback on performance. Each student is required to complete quiz at the end of every week, using the skills acquired with the TELL ME MORE[®] software to ensure that each part of the curriculum is getting completed.

Rio Salado uses TELL ME MORE[®] to fulfill the language curriculum in six different foreign language programs: Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. With the variety of courses offered, along with a revolutionary concept of delivering learning anytime/anywhere, Rio Salado students are achieving outstanding results using the TELL ME MORE[®] solution. Especially the areas of language pronunciation have shown to have improved dramatically among students.

To measure student improvement, Rio Salado uses pre and post-tests to understand the student's improvement in relation to previous language knowledge. TELL ME MORE[®] fits perfectly into that system, as it allows instructors to completely customize the solution according to the needs of the individual student. As Rio Salado continues to take advantage of all the customization the TELL ME MORE[®] system offers, the college continues to offer more and more language courses. Since the adoption of TELL ME MORE[®], Rio Salado has been enjoying higher enrollment rates every year. Auralog and VCU are currently exploring opportunities to increase student access to the solution, as well as increasingly incorporating TELL ME MORE[®] into the actual classroom work.

Objective

To increase the reach of the distance learning language program while incorporating better pronunciation skills learning and support..

Solution

Customized learning tracks within TELL ME MORE[®] aligned with Rio Salado course curriculum. Students are able to easily order their programs online from around the world.

Results

- Improved pronunciation skills
- Custom learning paths mirror in-class lesson plans
- Increased student reach
- Increased overall student enrollments
- Ability to expand language programs
- Offer more languages

About Auralog

Auralog is the global leader in language learning software. The TELL ME MORE[®] suite of products is being used by more than 5 Million learners world wide, in more than 10,000 organizations. Headquartered in Phoenix, AZ, Auralog has offices in France, Germany, Spain, and China.