

Collaborative Learning

The collaborative learning refers to strategies that require joint intellectual effort on the part of students and teachers. The collaborative classroom requires some significant shifts from traditional approaches to content delivery, including changes in the relationship between teachers and students. Here are some of the characteristics that define collaborative learning.

- Shared knowledge among teachers and students
- Shared authority among teachers and students
- Teacher as mediator, facilitator, moderator, coach
- Heterogeneous groupings of students
- Students set goals, design and monitor learning tasks, assess their learning

The strategies that would fall under this broad heading would include the following.

- Problem-based learning
- Guided design
- Case-based learning
- Group projects
- Simulations
- Writing groups
- Peer teaching
- Discussion groups
- Learning communities

In your group, discuss collaborative learning strategies you have used or might be willing to try.