

Utah Education Network

SCHOOL YEAR

2011-PRESENT

A STATEWIDE K-20 LMS SOLUTION

QUICK FACTS • • •



300+

UEN DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES ARE OFFERED VIA CANVAS EACH DAY.



1 MILLION+

USERS VISIT CANVAS TO SEARCH THE UEN ONLINE CONTENT COLLECTION EACH MONTH.



3,500+

UTAH TEACHERS USED CANVAS TO COMPLETE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH UEN IN 2015.

-GRADE LEVEL-

K-20

-INITIATIVES-

STATEWIDE SOLUTION



225,000+



USERS

KEY FINDINGS • • •



In addition to supporting UEN's rapidly expanding dual enrollment and distance education initiatives, Canvas provides a seamless statewide learning solution for students in kindergarten through college. For UEN, the benefits of implementing a statewide LMS for K-20 include significant cost savings, opportunities for collaboration, and consistency for users.

THE CHALLENGE • • •

The Utah Education Network (UEN) connects all Utah public schools, colleges, universities, and libraries to a robust network and quality educational resources. UEN makes education more accessible to people throughout the state by building partnerships and finding efficiencies that stretch every dollar. Founded in 1956 to explore using closed circuit TV for learning, UEN was formally recognized in 1989 as Utah's statewide delivery system for education.

In 2004, UEN began building a fiber optic network to provide fast and reliable broadband service for education throughout the state. At the same time, it developed an extensive, searchable collection of award-winning videos and lesson plans aligned to state standards. With the technology infrastructure in place and a massive library of educational resources available, UEN recognized in 2009 that it needed a way to streamline access for teachers and students.

There is an intrinsically high degree of collaboration between public and higher education in Utah, so the idea that Canvas works as a statewide, kindergarten through college solution is truly consistent with the DNA of UEN; we're not about one or the other—we're about the synergy that occurs when you put them together.

DR. LAURA HUNTER
Director of Instructional Services

THE DECISION • • •

After a highly-competitive RFP process, UEN selected Canvas in 2010 as the LMS for its statewide educational programs. It also negotiated consortium licensing to provide Canvas for all Utah public institutions of higher ed and applied technology. By implementing a single statewide learning platform, UEN could help connect students across the state to a rich network of learning resources.

In summer 2011, Canvas was successfully rolled out to more than 100,000 students at every public college and university throughout the state, including the University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Salt Lake Community College, Weber State University, Snow College, Southern Utah University, Dixie State College, and the Utah College of Applied Technology.

Because of funding constraints, only those K-12 schools and districts that could find creative ways to afford Canvas on their own were able to take advantage of consortium pricing. That's why in 2015, UEN began focusing its efforts on securing state-appropriated funding to implement Canvas in all K-12 public schools.

THE RESULT • • •

At the start of the 2015-2016 school year, 39 public and private K-12 schools and districts in Utah were using Canvas in the classroom. Working closely with the Utah

State Legislature to secure funding, UEN plans to expand this number to include all 125 public school districts statewide, representing 1,193 schools and approximately 641,605 students.

"We can serve our students better if we can bridge their high school to postsecondary experience," says Dr. Laura Hunter, director of Instructional Services at UEN. "By choosing and implementing systems that are transparent, students can concentrate on the content and the learning, as opposed to the system."

For Utah colleges and universities, Canvas provides a modern learning platform that can be customized to meet the unique needs of each institution, while maintaining a consistent, intuitive user experience.

For UEN, Canvas connects everything—students, teachers, schools, institutions, content, resources, tools, and apps. In addition to using Canvas to deliver more than 300 distance ed courses each day, the network uses the LMS to provide online professional development and endorsement programs to more than 3,500 Utah teachers annually.

As Dr. Hunter says, "Canvas is the platform that brings it all together and facilitates learning from anywhere. It leverages our state's investment in different systems that impact education."