

## MUS 716 – Learn Efficiently

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**Answer the question, "How can I learn technology most efficiently?" at D2L Discuss "Learn Efficiently". Draw upon your own training and experience as well as your personal list of resources. Please contribute a short paragraph, but make it meaningful.**

Not only has technology changed dramatically over the past 20 years, but so too has the way we discover, access, and familiarize ourselves with new technology. When I started teaching, I would learn about new technology, both software and hardware, through our in-service meetings, or from our local tech specialist. This information wasn't delivered frequently, and was often not very useful or applicable to my instrumental music classroom. When I would find a piece of software that was useful, it would be accompanied by a large user manual (Does anyone else remember the phonebook-sized Finale '98 manuals?!).

Today, information on new technology is so much more accessible, and reaching out for help is much easier. Whenever I am looking for ideas on new apps or equipment, my favorite starting point is one of my professional learning communities, most often via Facebook. I am a member of several teacher groups, and I find that it's very easy to generate many ideas just by posting a simple question. Once I have some suggestions, I always like to dig deeper by searching via Google or YouTube. I find that visual tutorials are much more meaningful and effective for me.