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## **ORGANIZATION AND SERVICES**

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### **Organization**

Virtual & Innovative Teaching and Learning (VITaL) provides a central support team for all academic units. The Director reports to the Senior Director for Academic and Business Technology Services within Information Management Services and leads a team of Educational Development Specialists (EDS).

Each EDS is minimally Masters prepared (some have or are working towards their PhD) in a field related to Education and has experience with health professions education and/or innovative teaching and learning strategies. Each school is assigned an EDS as a point of contact to obtain information about or directly provide VITaL services to their school.

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### **Services**

VITaL provides the following services:

1. Evaluate, promote, and track trends in virtual and innovative learning technologies and strategies that enhance health professions education.
  2. Collaborate with programs, schools and faculty in the innovative design, development, delivery and evaluation of curricula and educational materials.
  3. Train and develop faculty, staff and students in sound pedagogical applications of campus supported virtual innovative learning technologies and strategies.
  4. Manage the incorporation of campus supported virtual learning technologies (for example the Canvas Learning Management System, SoftChalk Online Lesson Builder, RESPONDUS Test Bank Software). Pilot-test and help implement learning technologies.
  5. Support faculty, staff and students in sound pedagogical applications of virtual and innovative learning technologies and strategies.
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6. Provide grant consultation related to virtual and innovative learning technologies and strategies.
  7. Serve as a collaborator with outside agencies and represent the Health Science Center at relevant meetings at state and other levels pertaining to virtual learning programs.
  8. Serve as a consultant to various campus-related entities for classroom design for virtual and innovative learning initiatives.
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