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In this session we will provide an overview of distance education technologies and methodologies and their respective attributes. As an example, we will demonstrate a course created using WebCT (Web-courseware). This course, "Basic Library Skills For Research," demonstrates how library skills can be integrated into a distance learning environment. In addition, we will examine a variety of instructional strategies that are appropriate for distance education. Many of these strategies place unique demands on libraries. Issues resulting from the use of these strategies will be discussed. Our session concludes with an open-ended discussion on how we better prepare both librarians and distance educators.

Issues to be raised in this session:

- Distance Education: What is it?
- What are the salient variables of distance education?
- What technologies are available to distance educators?
- What instructional strategies are being used in distance education?
- How is an online course implemented?
- What special library needs do distance education students have?
- How is access and support being provided?
- How can librarians and distance educators learn more about each other?