

## Review of the AECT:

# Association for Educational Communications and Technology

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The AECT is an international non-profit organization aimed at imparting information to improve instruction and the use of technology in education. It's headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, home of one of the best universities in the nation for research and teaching, Indiana University.

### ***Divisions***

Culture, Learning and Technology  
Design and Development  
Distance Learning  
International  
Multimedia Production  
Organizational Training and Performance  
Research and Theory  
School Media and Technology  
Systemic Change  
Teacher Education  
Graduate Student Assembly

It holds the Annual International Conference and the Biennial Research Symposium, competitions, policy briefs, proposals, Speakers/Writers Bureau, and provides two journals, several books and online resources.

### ***Publications***

#### **Journals**

- *Educational Technology Research Development* – (bimonthly in print and online) presents research and development of instructional technology through manuscripts, papers, reviews, and articles.
- *Tech Trends* (bimonthly in print and online) – informs practitioners on management of media and programs, application of educational technology principles and techniques to instructional programs, and corporate and military training. Includes list of books published by members.

- *The Journal of Applied Instructional Design (online)* – provides articles of new ideas in the field of instructional design by academia and practitioners.
- *International Journal of Designs for Learning* – shares rich representations of their designs and detailed discussion of decision-making
- *Quarterly Review on Distance Education* – publishing articles, research briefs, reviews, and editorials dealing with the theories, research, and practices of distance education
- Archived & Miscellaneous Publications

## **Books**

- *A Code of Professional Ethics*
- *A Handbook of Research for Educational Communications and Technology*
- *Design in Educational Technology*
- *Educational Media and Technology Yearbook*
- *Educational Technology: A Definition with Commentary*
- *Encyclopedia of Terminology for Educational Communications and Technology*
- *Getting Started in Instructional Technology Research*
- *Learning, Problem Solving, and Mind Tools: Essays I Honor of David Jonassen*
- *The Next Generation of Distance Educational Trends and Issues in Instructional Design and Technology*

## **Online Resources**

- *Career Center* – assists job seekers and prospective employers
- *IT Forum* – discusses theories, research, and practices in instructional technology
- *Discussion Forums* – (general and by division) offer opportunities for collaboration
- *Member Directory* – keeps colleagues connected
- *Research Initiatives* – offer opportunities in which to participate
- *Collaborative Research Grant* – provides funding opportunities for developing research collaboration among researchers, institutions, and AECT
- Proceedings

## **Portals & Databases**

- [Open Content Portal](#) – provides an Open Educational Resource portal, through which educational technology scholars and researchers can share how they teach and what they teach in their courses
- [Curricula Data of Degree Programs](#) in Educational Communications and Technology – directory of academic institutions providing instructional technology
- [Doctoral Research in Educational Technology](#) – doctoral dissertations directory for 1977-2004

## **Member Web and Online Community Tools**

Access to various group memberships and a number of online publications, plus:

- Create your own AECT Blog.
- Create up to 10 personal pages.
- Establish a page of your Favorites.
- Upload your own Photos.
- Create your own AECT personal connections.
- Use the messaging center for all AECT related communication.
- Create your own file and link library.
- ...and more!