

Joining the Course Online Discussions

Registering for TappedIn.Org

Welcome to the Education 173 Online class. To join our weekly chats you must join TappedIn, an online educational community. Membership is free so you don't have to worry about that. Once you are a member you will log on to the TappedIn website and join us in the Education 173 Virtual Classroom. Once there you will join us in the chat room. The following will walk you thru the directions to: sign up as a member of TappedIn, set your 'home' as the Education 173 Virtual Classroom, and direct you to the chat room. Follow the 11 steps below to complete the sign up process.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me, Peter Jones, at jonesp@uci.edu or (949) 824-7853.

Getting Started

1. To get started go to the homepage for TappedIn: <http://tappedin.org>
(You should be on the: Homepage for TappedIn.org.)

2) Once there, obtain your free membership to TappedIn by clicking on the "**Sign up for free membership**" link on the left side of the home page.
(You should now be on the: registration page.)

After clicking on the free membership icon the *Free Individual Membership Application* page pops up.

3) To register for TappedIn fill in the registration form. Remember the information in bold is required. You will **not** be registering as an "affiliate of any particular tenant" so go ahead and fill out the online form to join. For 'Occupation' use 'Pre-Service Teacher' if you do not fit one of the other categories. Use 'Teacher Education' as a 'Discipline.' Then proceed by submitting the application.
(You should now be on the: confirmation page.)

4) Once you have submitted your application, please check your email for your confirmation. You will receive an email confirmation containing your own user id and password.

5) After receiving your user id and password, return to <http://tappedin.org>. Once you're there, click on the 'member login' button.
(You should be on the: member login page.)

6) Type in your username and password from the email that you received and then click on the 'Log In' button.
(You should be on the: member reception area for TappedIn page.)

7a) Next, click on the "Search" tab at the top right side of your screen

7b) Please type 'PeterBJ' into the input box and click on the 'Find It' button.

7c) The result will return a link to my virtual office. Look below the search box and find the link titled: 'Peter Jones' and click on it. This will take you to my personal information page. Look for the link titled: Go to Peter Jones' Office on the right side of my information page and click on it.

(You should be on the: Peter Jones' Office page.)

Now you are set to join our chats.

Joining the Chats

8) To join the course chat look for the dialogue box at the bottom of the page. You will see that a message indicates that you have 'entered the room.' Below that dialogue box is an input box where you can type a message. To the right of the input box is a 'Say' button. To add to the conversation you simply type your message into the input box and send it by clicking on the 'Say' button.

To make the chat interface box bigger you will want to 'detach' it. To do this look for the pull down menu titled: 'Actions' just above and to the right of the dialogue box. Select it and you will see the 'Detach' selection. Once you have selected this you will see the chat interface expand into a new separate screen.

Once you have finished chatting logout and a transcript of your chat will be emailed to you directly.