

LIVE-VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

The ONLY type of pre-licensing offering beyond the normal classroom setting is live-virtual. Basic on-line courses are still not allowed for pre-licensing. This also applies to MANDATORY continuing education courses as beginning with the 2020-2022 courses the only offering type will be live classroom or live virtual. Previous year's mandatory CE courses will be allowed to be offered on-line for anyone looking to reinstate.

As you know, schools are required to submit course schedules at least 10 days prior to course offering. This requirement is also in place for Live-virtual classes, however YOU MUST ALSO ADD DCP.RealEstateSchool@CT.GOV AS A PARTICIPANT so that we receive the link and will have the ability to log on at any time during the course.

It will be important for you to review the Regulations of Real Estate Schools, as all those terms apply to live-virtual as well. Pay close attention to the record retention requirements, as for live virtual you are required to collect and retain as part of the record, all students photo identification and you must verify each student by viewing ID and actual classroom participant. The students can email or fax a copy to the school. A copy of the identification along with attendance logs must be retained as part of the school records (for 4 years, and it may be reviewed by the department upon request).

The key is to utilize online software programs specifically for classrooms and teaching. Zoom is good for the mandatory courses, as you are typically using a PowerPoint presentation, however that is likely not the the best platform for P&P, which is somewhat limited in terms of inter-activeness, compared to other platforms.

Education platforms for your consideration (NOT TO THE EXCLUSION OF ANY OTHERS YOU MIGHT PREFER). Any platform you choose must be stated in your course application and approved by the Department. Remember, the platform you choose must be interactive and live. The instructor must be able to physically see all students and interact with all students.

Both Newrow and Bigblue Button have the digital whiteboard which is likely an important tool for pre-licensing classes since math is a teachable component. Additionally, drawing things out on the board may help explain concepts.

Newrow

- Monthly Fee
- Online quiz capacity & final exam option
- Allows for screen sharing
- Whiteboard feature- especially useful in P&P since math is a teaching component.
- Upload documents and keep them in a cloud file for each individual class, which is helpful if you will be having more than one instructor teaching different classes.

Braincert

- Monthly or annual fee options available. (Free version only allows one student)
- Does NOT have ability to load quizzes*, but has final exam option.
- Whiteboard feature- especially useful in P&P since math is a teaching component.
- Allows for screen sharing
- Has attendance tracker that records log in and out times for participants (not eliminating the need for actual attendance and ID verification).

Bigblue Button

- Appears to be a stripped-down version of the two above.
- Allows for screen sharing
- Whiteboard feature
- Does NOT track attendance
- Does NOT have the ability for on-line quizzes*

*Additionally, Kahoot and Quizlet can be incorporated into any teaching style.