

Computer Phobes Anonymous: Helping First Year Students Conquer Technophobia

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Abstract

Computer Phobes Anonymous (CPA) consisted of a small group of self-selected, computer phobic, first year students. These students participated in a learning community to overcome their computer anxiety and improve their computer skills. Through a series of ten workshops over the 2003-2004 academic year, basic computer skills were acquired and fears shattered. This session will describe the CPA program and workshops, how the students' technophobia and computer skills compared to their peers', and the results of pre- and post-testing of computer anxiety and basic computer skills of the student participants.

Note: The presenter chose not to prepare a paper. He will make his powerpoint slides available at the session or make them available via the web.