ACRRM virtual classroom Testing and Accessing Blackboard Collaborate <u>Ultra</u>



ACRRM uses Blackboard Collaborate 'Ultra' for all our virtual classroom meetings.

Collaborate Ultra is a WebRTC virtual classroom and will work on all browsers on Apple or Windows computers - however it always works best in Chrome browser.

Before your virtual classroom session it is <u>very important to test</u> your computer connection and browser <u>at least one day prior to joining a live session</u> so that staff have time to help you with any issues before the start of your virtual classroom.

To do this, and for further information:

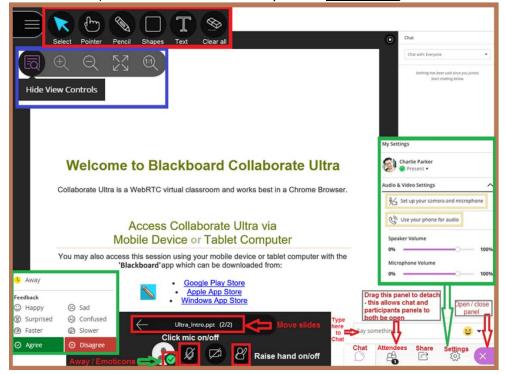
- Visit the ACRRM Virtual Classroom <u>info site</u> for a link to the ACRRM Collaborate 'Ultra' Test Room which is available 24/7
- You may also access Ultra virtual classrooms using your mobile device or tablet computer with the 'Blackboard' App which can be downloaded from:
 - o Google Play Store
 - o Apple App Store
 - Windows App Store

Note: When using the mobile App to access Ultra virtual classrooms – just click on the classroom link that you have been provided with and the 'link' will 'find' the App for you...don't open the App first!

You will require the best possible signal strength and a good internet connection speed on your mobile device for successful access

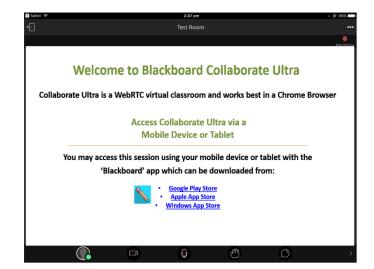
Note: If you are the **presenter/moderator** of a virtual classroom you must use a PC or Mac computer to be able to access the necessary whiteboard 'tools' for the live session – do not use a mobile device.

Collaborate Ultra interface (Note: the 'test' room will only have a black screen)



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Mobile interface

Minimum connection requirements:

- An internet connection with a minimum of 2mbps download speed.
 - A speed test can be accessed at http://www.speedtest.net/
- Ultra will work on all browsers on Apple or Windows but always works best in <u>Chrome browser</u>
- Use a headset or headphones with a microphone

Here are a few quick and easy things you can do to increase the quality of your internet connection:

- Plug your computer into your router/modem if you can (instead of using WiFi)
- Make sure nothing else is running in your browser (close down other programs using the internet)
- Make sure you have the most up to date version of your browser
- Maximise your WiFi signal to your computer (move closer to the modem)
- Minimise other usage of bandwidth in the house/office (shut down all unnecessary programs, especially those that use the internet: email, other conferencing options (Skype), etc.)
- Consider using your Mobile device instead (sometimes your mobile connection may be better than your WiFi)

Need Help:

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Phone ACRRM: 1800 223 226 (business hours only)

Phone Blackboard: 1800 267 338 (this is a 24-hour 7-day help phone line)