

# Using the Virtual Teaching Assistance Center (VTAC)

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The Virtual Teaching Assistance Center (VTAC) is an online knowledge base located at [vtac.lonestar.edu](http://vtac.lonestar.edu). This should be the first place you go for help – it will most likely have the information you need. If you can't find what you are looking for, feel free to suggest an article using the link at the top of the page.

## The Home Page

As you start out on the home page, notice you can scroll down to view the new and most popular articles on the site.

## The Left Menu

The table of contents is broken down into several categories. As you click on an category, it expands to show the articles pertaining to that topic.

## The Search Box

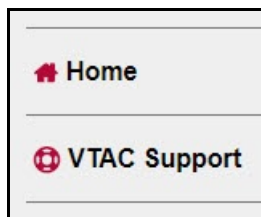
If you are looking for help on a specific topic, enter keywords into the search box near the top right. As you type, article titles containing your keywords will pop up below. When you hit enter, a more exhaustive list of articles appears.

A screenshot of a search box interface. It features a grey button on the left with the text "Refine" and a downward-pointing triangle. To the right of this button is a white input field containing the placeholder text "Search for articles...". On the far right of the input field is a grey button with a magnifying glass icon.

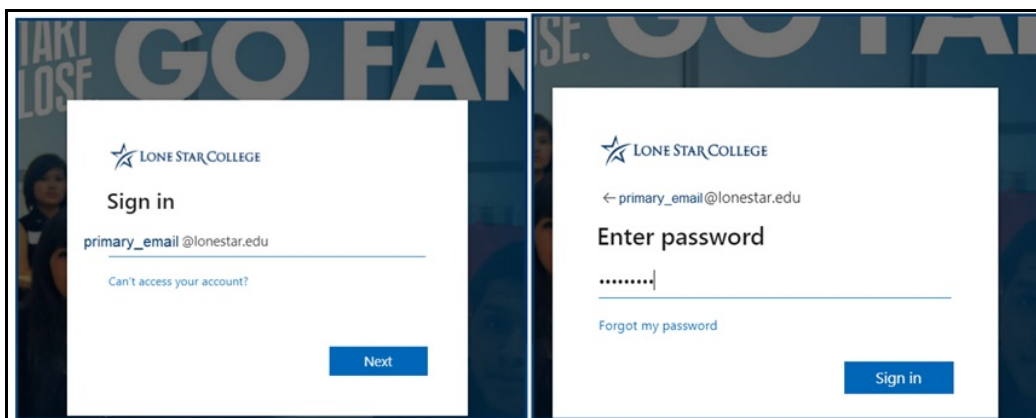
## One-On-One Support

If you would like one-on-one instructional design or technology support for your online course,

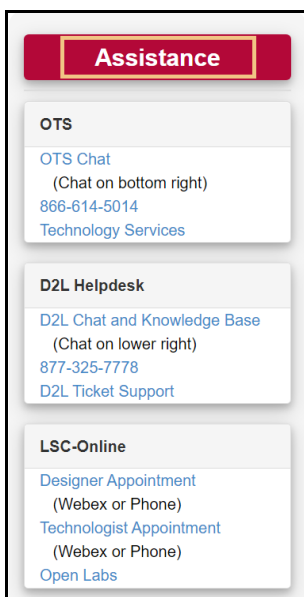
click on **VTAC Support** near the top of the table of contents and log in to your account.



To log in, you will enter your [lonestar.edu](https://lonestar.edu) (<https://lonestar.edu>) email address, **not** your username, and on the next screen enter your password. (The email you use needs to be your primary email address, not an alias that OTS has set up for you.)



Click on the [Assistance](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/vtac-assistance) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/vtac-assistance>) heading to see an explanation of the available options.



Your options include 24/7 chat and phone support, as well as individual phone or Webex appointments with Instructional Technologists or Instructional Designers.

## Access From D2L

To get to VTAC from D2L, click on the **VTAC Support** link on the navbar.

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