

Starting at the Beginning

New to eLearning? Let's work together to get up and running with this powerful portal (connection) to Arkansas Northeastern College. The first step is to figure out what myANC and eLearning are.

STEP ONE - What is myANC, the portal, the LMS, eLearning?

Confused at the terms? Let's talk a little vocabulary to help you understand the powerful system ANC has made available to you.

Portal – www.yourdictionary.com defines the noun this way:

1. a doorway, gate, or entrance, esp. a large and imposing one
2. any point or place of entry, as one where nerves, vessels, etc. enter an organ
3. a website designed to provide access to numerous other sites...

And that's what the portal is to us - an entry point to several areas of ANC that are online. When you sign into the portal using the Student ID and password given to you the system knows who you are and your relationship to the school. The information you will be able to access is controlled by your Student ID, it's personal.

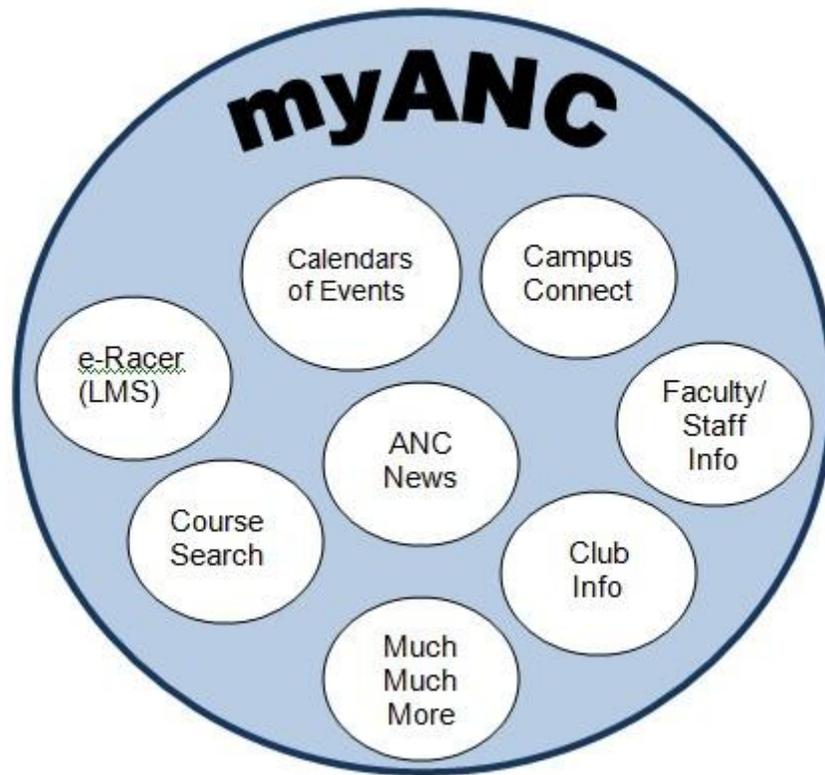
myANC – myANC is what we've named our portal making "the portal" and "myANC" synonyms.

LMS (eLearning) – LMS is an acronym for Learning Management System. It refers to the area on the portal that functions as classrooms for instructors and students. Since many of our instructors and students only use the portal for this purpose, LMS is often used synonymously with *myANC* or *the portal* although technically it is a sub-area of these and not the same thing. The LMS is officially named **eLearning**. This is the area your instructors will use for Internet classroom space.

How do you refer to the portal? Many instructors say "the portal", some say "myANC" and some say "the LMS" or "the LMS on myANC." You may also hear it referred to as Jenzabar's eLearning. *The portal* is a generic term for myANC and eLearning is a special part of it that provides a space for courses. myANC is the term we would like you to get used to and eLearning is the name for the area where classes are taught, the Learning Management System area on myANC.

Think you've got it? As a student you will sign into **myANC** (the portal) and primarily use the area on the portal called **eLearning** (which contains the classes you are enrolled in.)

Here's a diagram to help you picture it:



myANC is the whole picture.

eLearning, Campus Connect, etc. are all parts of myANC.