

FC Distance Education Buzz – July 2020

Faculty Training Opportunities

Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Teaching Certification:

Courses through OLC were researched to select two courses that cover the requirements for Fullerton College Online Teaching Certificate Equivalency. Faculty can receive online teaching certification equivalency by taking the Fundamentals: Interaction & Engagement and Designing with Accessibility in Mind.

Fullerton College has two summer cohort options still available. Sign up for either Option 1 or Option 2 in the Districtwide Staff Development calendar in MyGateway.

Option 1:

Fundamentals: Interaction & Engagement 7/20-7/26

Designing with Accessibility in Mind 7/27-8/2

Option 2:

Interaction & Engagement 8/3-8/9

Designing with Accessibility in Mind 8/10-8/16

CTE Online Teaching Certification:

Faculty that teach in a CTE program can take a series of courses certified by the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) for the Fullerton College Online Teaching Certificate Equivalency. If you are interested in this option, please reach out to staffdev@fullcoll.edu for more information.

Build Your Fall Course with Title 5:

Reminder, this course is available to all faculty to assist you in meeting the Title 5 requirements for attainment of course outcomes, regular and effective contact, and accessibility in classes offered for Fall 2020. Hopefully, you will find this course to be a valuable resource as you build in Canvas.

What Keeps Students Engaged Online?

This is an interesting read from *Inside Higher Ed* on what students said worked to keep them engaged during Spring 2020 remote courses.

[What Worked This Spring? Well-Designed and Delivered Courses](#)

New Tools in Canvas

Canvas Studio

Canvas Studio is a media tool that allows students and instructors to upload, create, edit, manage, share and discuss audio and video files. Existing files can be used, or new ones can be created with Studio's capture and editing tools.

[Canvas Studio Video Overview](#)

[Canvas Studio Guide](#)

PlayPosit

This new integration allows you to add interactive activities into your videos or videos hosted through YouTube, 3C Media, Vimeo, and many other hosting sites. You can add questions, polls, documents, links, and commentary right into the timeline of the video. When integrated as an assignment, PlayPosit activities transfer directly to the Canvas Gradebook.

[Try a Sample PlayPosit Activity](#)

[PlayPosit Guide](#)

Canvas Chat Support

Faculty and students can now access live support with Canvas Chat in addition to the 24/7 help line. Canvas Chat support is in the Support menu in the Global Menu in Canvas.

Cory's Accessibility Corner

Each month, our Alternate Media Specialist, Cory Thomas, will share a quick accessibility tip.

Color Contrast

Color is a great way to add interest to Canvas Pages and other documents, but we run into issues if color is the only way information is conveyed (ex: "Complete the questions listed in red for the Week 2 homework assignment.") and/or the colors we use are not high contrast enough.

Color Contrast Examples:

Fail (contrast ratio under 4.5:1)

Yellow

Pale Green

Orange

Pink

Red

Good (contrast ratio over 4.5:1)

Blue

Burnt Orange

Dark Green

Purple

Very Dark Gray

Black

Ways to Check Color Contrast:

1. Use the [UDOIT Accessibility Checker](#) in all of your Canvas courses. One of the items UDOIT checks for is color contrast. You can make any necessary color fixes within the UDOIT interface.
2. Try the [WebAim Color Contrast web page](#).
3. The latest version of the Accessibility Checker in Word now checks for color contrast.

Need Support? Still Have Questions?

The [Distance Education Office](#) is here to support you.

In addition to the DE office, your [Distance Education Division Representatives \(DEDRs\)](#) are available to help.