



The Department of Online Learning Monthly Newsletter

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Event Dates

Register for the following events [here](#)

Events with Dates:

- Remote Teaching Certification (10/14-10/27)
- Canvas Certification Course (10/28-12/1)

Self-Paced Trainings (Sept/Oct):

- Active Learning
- Accessibility in Online Learning
- Adobe Suite
- Applying Bloom's Taxonomy
- Authentic Learning
- Backward Design
- Canvas 101
- Canvas Rubrics
- Canvas Studio Basics
- Canvas Studio Advanced
- Communication Strategies in an Online Class
- Creating an Effective Syllabus
- Formative and Summative Assessment
- Google Meet
- Google Suite
- Kandao Camera Basics
- Online/Asynchronous Pedagogy
- The Hy-Flex Model
- Universal Design
- Using the Canvas Gradebook
- Zoom Basics
- Zoom Advanced

Important News

Quality Matters Course Certification

Interested in submitting your online course for a Quality Matters Certification - let us know! Courses certified by QM go through a rigorous process against QM quality assurance standards that will benefit you and your students. If you are interested reach out to Rachel at rpeters@lccc.edu for an application. To read more go to the [QM website](#) or visit the [LCCC QM Course Review Process](#) page.

Article of the Month

[*The Impact of AI in Advancing Accessibility for Learners with Disabilities*](#) by Rob Gibson.

This article explores how AI tools can be used to make your content more accessibility for learners with disabilities. One of these tools is a AI-image description utility from Arizona State University. You can use this tool to create image descriptions, long descriptions, or alt-text.

Training/Badge Spotlight

Navigating Tough Conversations: How to Talk to Students Suspected of Cheating Oct 10th 2pm EST
Key takeaways from this training brought to you by OLC are: **Best practices to initiate and prepare for these challenging conversations; practical strategies for managing these discussions, backed by real-life examples from educators; communication tips to help maintain empathy and respect during the discussions; and how to collect and present evidence of academic dishonesty using Honorlock exam insights.** Register on the [OLC website](#).



Canvas How To



Canvas

SpeedGrader Updates

The SpeedGrader has been updated recently in Canvas to allow for elevated feedback. There are three main updates to the SpeedGrader.

- **Sorting Submissions Anonymously and by Status** - Instructors can randomize the order of students within submission status.
- **Screen Capturing** - You can create either webcam videos or screen capturing videos to increase instructor presence or demonstrate when giving feedback. The captures will have automatic captions.
- **Rich Content Editor (RCE)** - The SpeedGrader will now have a lite version of the Rich Content Editor features available when commenting. The available features include: Heading, Bold, Italic, Underline, Font Color, Insert Hyperlink, Bullets, and the Insert Math Equation.

For more information on these features view the [SpeedGrader Updates: Elevating Feedback for Better Student Success](#) article from Instructure.

Relax and Unwind

With the start of the semester, the end of the summer, life, and any other events you may be juggling, it is important to remember to find moments to relax, recharge, and unwind. This section is all about some fun items going on right now in media or locally to help you with that.



Bacon and Brews

October 5th, 4pm - 7pm at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. Taste dozens of local breweries, distilleries and wineries to the tune of local artists. Tickets for the event are \$35/per person. For more information visit and to purchase tickets visit [the event page](#).

ChiliFest 2024

October 19th from 12pm - 4pm South Side, Bethlehem. ChiliFest is an annual chili-cooking competition that takes place every October in South Bethlehem. Tickets for the event are \$35/per person. For more information and/or to buy tickets view [their website](#).



Oktoberfest

Two October weekends 4th-6th and 11th-13th located at the Steel Stacks, in Bethlehem. Experience a free, authentic German Oktoberfest with a special PA flair. The event features brew samples, live music, authentic German food and beer, as well as attractions such as the ax-wielding lumberjacks, fringe festival acts, an ice sculpting competition, dachshund races, local artisans, and more. For more information view [the Oktoberfest website](#).

