Workshops 2021

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**January**

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- **Jan. 19, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin
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- **Jan. 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am**
- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin & Chris McDonald
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### Teaching & Learning Online: Maintaining YOUR Sanity & THEIRS Online

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- **Jan. 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am**
- **Presenters:** Brianne Jackson, Ph.D. & Michael Schad, Ph.D.
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### New Distance Education Guidelines

In this session we will discuss the amount of time students "sit" in a classroom and how it correlates to online classes as well as the definitions of regular and substantive interaction and current requirements of VCU and SCHEV.

- **Jan. 22, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
- **Presenters:** Brianne Jackson, Ph.D.
- **Registration:** [http://go.vcu.edu/_fba](http://go.vcu.edu/_fba)
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January

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- **Jan. 26, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
- **Presenters:** Brianne Jackson, Ph.D. & Michael Schad, Ph.D.
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Blackboard-to-Canvas Course Imports

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- **Jan. 27, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin
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Best Practices in Online Teaching plus Canvas Tool Highlights

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- **Jan. 28, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**
- **Presenters:** Michael Schad, Ph.D., Brianne Jackson, Ph.D. & Andrew Hahn
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin
- **Registration:** [http://go.vcu.edu/_fba](http://go.vcu.edu/_fba)
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February

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- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin & Chris McDonald
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Canvas Gradebook for Beginners
In this training session, you will learn how to set up and manage your Canvas gradebook. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin & Chris McDonald
- **Registration:** [http://go.vcu.edu/_fba](http://go.vcu.edu/_fba)
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Meaningful Discussions
We will discuss and learn how some university-supported tools can help facilitate meaningful course discussions.

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Informal Course Videos in Canvas

Want to learn how to enhance your Canvas courses with videos? We'll show you how to accomplish this using Canvas' video integration with Kaltura, YouTube and more. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin
- **Registration:** [http://go.vcu.edu/_fba](http://go.vcu.edu/_fba)
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### February 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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- **Presenters:** Deverick Strand & Ginny Thompson
- **LS resources:** TBA
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### February 10, 10:00 - 11:00am

Meaningful Group Work

We will discuss and learn how some university-supported tools can help facilitate meaningful group work.

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### February 11, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Personalized Learning

Learn how to tailor your online course experience according to specific student needs. This learning strategy accommodates students' academic strengths, weaknesses, interests and comprehension levels.

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Feb. 15, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Stopping Plagiarism

What preventable measures do educators have to help students avoid plagiarism? Learn about the resources available and how to make them part of your courses.

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Feb. 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Canvas Gradebook - Advanced

In this training session, you will learn about the advanced features and options of your Canvas gradebook and how they might be useful in your course. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

📍 Presenters: Deverick Strand, Ginny Thompson & Canvas Vendor Trainer
📍 LS resources: Jamillah Martin & Chris McDonald
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Feb 25, 1:00 - 2:00pm
March

Interactive Presentation
Learn how interactive components can enhance your courses. This training will provide an overview of Nearpod, Peardeck, Mentimeter, and Kahoot.

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Teaching Online for Large Courses
This session will provide an overview of tools and techniques for deployment of materials and learning activities that foster engagement and improve retention, while keeping the demands of a larger class size in mind.

- Presenters: Peyton Burgess
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March

**Seat Time Online**

This session will provide an overview of tools and techniques for deployment. In this session we will discuss the amount of time students "sit" in a classroom and how it correlates to online classes. Learn tips for how to achieve the "seat time" challenge.

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**Mar. 10, 10:00 - 11:00am**

**Canvas Showcase - Getting Excited about CANVAS! At VCU**

The goal of this event is for faculty who have been working in Canvas to share their successes and ideas for best practices in using Canvas for their teaching.

- **Registration and Details go out 1/25**

**Mar. 19**

Check [https://altlab.vcu.edu/](https://altlab.vcu.edu/) for more information

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- **LS resources:** Jamillah Martin
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**Mar. 24, 1:00 - 2:00am**
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Mar. 25, 1:00 - 2:00pm

April

Accessibility/ADA in Canvas
This session will provide an overview of accessibility in online courses and steps you can take to ensure your courses are compliant. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

- Presenters: Deverick Strand, Aisha McGriff & Yeimarie Lopez
- LS resources: Jamillah Martin
- Registration: http://go.vcu.edu/_fba
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Apr. 7, 1:00 - 2:00pm

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Apr. 9, 10:00 - 11:00pm
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**Social Presence**

Connecting with students through social media platforms can be a powerful way to encourage learning and community building in your classes. Tune in to learn what tools are available and can be incorporated into your online courses.

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**Assignments, Quizzes, and Grading in Canvas**

This training will include an overview of assignment and quiz types and how to create, manage and grade them in Canvas. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

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Installing and Using Third-party Tool Integrations in Canvas

This training will demonstrate how to install and use third-party tool integrations in Canvas. (Content from publishers, curricula-specific materials, interactive content, quiz builders and more.) Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

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Canvas Enrollments, Sections, and Cross-listing

This training will provide an overview of how students are enrolled in Canvas courses and how course sections can be merged into one Canvas course. Sponsored by VCU Online and Learning Systems.

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Registration for these courses begins on January 25th. Please visit https://altlab.vcu.edu/professional-development/ for more details.

**Feb.**
- Video for Online Learning (Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- Inclusive Learning Online: Diversity & Inclusion Online, Accessibility for Online Learning
- Universal Design for Learning & Online, Unconscious Bias
- VCU Rules & Regulations Online (Copyright for Online Learning, Accessibility for Online Learning, General Regulation in Online Learning)

**Mar.**
- Online Learning Basics (Online Basics, Andragogy for Online Learning & Objectives & Alignment in Online Learning)
- Active Learning Online (Levels 1, 2 & 3)

**Apr.**
- Service Learning Online (Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- Google Solutions for Online Learning (Levels 1, 2 & 3)

**May.**
- Online Learning Theory (Universal Design for Learning, Andragogy, and Theories of Online Learning)
- Digital Simulations (Levels 1, 2 & 3)
- Design Specialization Tracks
  a. All participants must complete Objectives & Alignments
  b. Participants will select one level of active learning (1, 2, 3)
  c. Participants will select a corresponding level of an elective of their choice (Video, Digital Simulation, Online Discussion, Google Solutions)

**Certificate Program Courses**
- Best Practice in Online Teaching
- Designing for Online Instruction
- Evaluating Quality Online Instruction