

LTC Newsletter

August 2021

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Faculty Retreat Reminder!



Annual Faculty Retreat - **AUGUST 12, 2021 - Back to the Future: 4R Success!** Reconnect with your colleagues for coffee at 8:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. **Note room change:** We will be in-person in **Still 102** or join us **virtually** (link provided with registration confirmation)!

There's still time to register! [Email LTC Support.](#)

Return to Campus Training!

CLASSROOMS:

The classroom technology was updated over the last year to include dual monitors, webcams, and microphones and are all Zoom capable. Now that we are back on campus, a few things have changed regarding how your content is displayed to the class and how you ink over presentations or create notes.

If you have not been in the classroom for a while, please attend a classroom training to learn about the new touch screen display before your first day. Faculty can attend any training session regardless of the building as the technology will be consistent.

For more information and to view the 'on-demand-training' video, please visit our [classroom technology web page](#).

Monday, August 16

- 9:00-10:00 AM | STC 120/122
- 10:00-11:00 AM | STC 125

Tuesday, August 17

- 11:00 - 12:00 PM | STC 122/120
- 1:00- 2:00 PM | Founders 114
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM | Becker 150

Wednesday , August 18 | Venango

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM | Montgomery 413

Thursday , August 19

- 1:30 - 3:30 PM| Still 201

Training is required if you teach in STC 120 or 122.

Please contact the LTC at 814-393-1848 if you cannot make the scheduled time or, [email LTC Support](#) .

D2L UPDATES

Assignment Tool Updates:

- **August 17** |
 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM | virtual - offered by CalU
 - 1:45 - 2:30 PM | 102 Still Hall or virtual

- **August 18**
 - 11:00 - 11:45 AM| virtual - Clarion
 - 1:00 - 1:45 PM | virtual - offered by CalU

D2L Course Design / Q& A:

- **August 19**
 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM | virtual

All virtual sessions will be conducted via Zoom. To register: Please [email LTC Support](#) and indicate the date and session you wish to participate in. Confirmation email will be sent for all registrations.

My Mediasite Integration with D2L and Zoom for Storage and Sharing Alternatives



What is 'My Mediasite'? My Mediasite is a new tool that has been integrated into D2L/Brightspace, with a simple interface that allows instructors to share, and publish new presentations easily. My Mediasite hosts the videos and has a Brightspace integration that enables faculty to embed video content directly within courses.

Now, you can also capture NEW lectures with Zoom and tag the recording directly for a D2L course. To ensure a smooth transition to the My Mediaiste platform, please attend training.

[Trainings and documentation web page:](#)



Tuesday, August 17

- 10:00 - 10:45 AM | 102 Still Hall or virtual

Wednesday, August 18

- 2:00 - 2:45 PM | 102 Still Hall or virtual

Friday, August 20

- 10:00 - 10:45 AM | 102 Still Hall or virtual
- 11:00 - 11:45 AM | 102 Still Hall or virtual

All virtual sessions will be conducted via Zoom. To register: Please [email LTC Support](#) and indicate the date and session you wish to participate in. A confirmation email will be sent for all registrations.

What's New in D2L

• **Customize your Course Home page with Custom Widgets:**

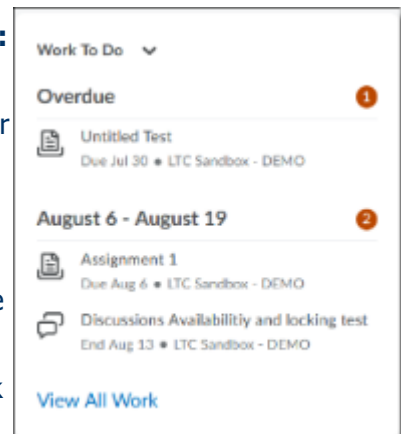
- **Work to Do:** Provide learners a summary of assigned learning activities that are **overdue** or have an upcoming **due date** in your course. The Work To Do widget displays the following learning activities: Assignments, Checklists, Content, Discussions, Surveys, Quizzes.

Learning activities only appear in the Work To Do widget when the activity has a defined due date or end date. By default, the widget displays activities due in the upcoming 2 weeks, and overdue work from the previous 12 weeks. [Please see the FAQ for more information.](#)

- **Ask a Librarian:** Add this widget to provide a direct link to 'Library References and Research Help' chat.

- **Activity Feed:** Similar to a social media feed, 'Activity Feed' is a widget that provides a central location for learners and instructors to post messages that are visible to the entire class. In addition, users can add attachments by copying and pasting a web link or embed code, or using the attachment icons. Notifications for [Activity Feed](#) appear in the [Pulse App](#).

• **Add files from One Drive** - Files stored in your One Drive space can be selected within D2L content > Upload File for easy addition to D2L courses. Files from One Drive can be attached in D2L Content, Assignments, and Activity Feed or inserted as a quick link using the html editor. [Please review documentation for more information.](#)



- **Assignments Evaluation and Brightspace Editor:** In *January*, D2L updated the Assignments tool in Brightspace. In *May*, Assignment updates continued with the roll-out of the revised [Assignments Evaluation panel](#), including a new html editor. The new Evaluation panel will be *fully ON* effective with the August update. Please review the updates page for more information.

The **NEW** Brightspace editor will also be *fully ON* throughout the learning environment. Please take note of the changes as some icons have moved and may be obscure on smaller displays.

- **Discussions:** Updates to the Groups tool give instructors the ability to use D2L Discussions for private journaling between instructor and individual students. [PDF](#)

Overview of D2L Updates:

August 25 | 11:00 -11:45 AM | 2:00-2:45 PM | virtual

August 26 | 9:30 - 10:15 AM | 2:00-2:45 PM | virtual

All virtual sessions will be conducted via Zoom. To register: Please [email LTC Support](#) and indicate the date and session you wish to participate in. A confirmation email will be sent for all registrations.

Teaching Online Certification Course - November

The August session of the '**Teaching Online Certification Course**' will begin **November 1, 2021**. November will be the last session offered for the year.

This 4-week, online course was recertified by Quality Matters in November 2020 and provides instructors with a student's perspective taking an online course, guidance on designing a quality online course, and instructions for using various D2L tools.

Please see the [TOCC web page](#) for more information and [email LTC Support](#) to register.

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