

LTC Newsletter

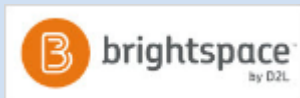
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G-13 Still Hall

Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!
Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.

VENANGO Schedule:
January by appointment,
call x1848



D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• **IMPORTANT D2L DATES -**
Students loaded to D2L for Spring courses, **Dec. 21**. January D2L update will occur **Jan. 17**.

• **TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-**

CU Online Course Template

In October, the Learning Technology Center (LTC) and Academic Affairs hosted the **CU Online Template Launch Party** to advance the adoption of the new D2L template for online courses. The objectives of the session were to explain the evolution of the template, review the Quality Matters standards, explore research and discuss best practices for online course development. The template format showcased areas of the D2L Learning Environment that can be standardized for an easy-to-navigate, student-friendly structure, without limiting instructors' content.



If you were unable to attend, you can [view the session recording here](#).

Based on nationally recognized principles of online course design, the template is structured to meet [Quality Matters](#) (QM) and [accessibility standards](#). For more information on the template, please visit the [CU Online Template web page](#).

CU Template course sandboxes are available for faculty choosing to opt-in now. Please use the [Template Request Form](#) to request a course shell with the template structure.

Template work-sessions are scheduled in Still 103 as follows:

- **Jan. 3 - 11 a.m.**
- **Jan. 8 - 1 p.m.**
- **Jan. 9 - 3 p.m.**
- **Jan. 10 - 9 a.m.**

The CU Online Course Template was developed by the LTC in collaboration with the Online Task Force, to assist faculty in developing a quality online (or on-campus) course site in D2L.

The *winter session* of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) begins **Jan 2. - Feb. 12.**

• **CONTINUOUS DELIVERY MONTHLY UPDATES** - Notice something different in D2L? Check the [monthly updates web page](#) to preview what's coming. Clarion's D2L instance is updated about the third week of every month between 9 pm Thursday and 9 am Friday.

• **JOIN THE D2L COMMUNITY** - Since approximately 30% of D2L's product development comes directly from the [D2L Product Idea Exchange \(PIE\)](#), become a member of the [D2L Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

ABOUT

The LTC newsletter is devoted to the support of instructional technology in teaching and learning at Clarion University. The LTC provides instructional design ideas and teaching strategies to assist faculty in course development.

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D2L Changes ~

The December update removes the option to "opt-in" to the new Quiz question experience. Now all users will automatically experience the re-designed question interface in D2L Quizzes.

In May, D2L implemented the option for faculty to "Opt-in" to the new quiz question experience. The functionality is the same, but the interface has changed. Now when you edit a quiz question or question pool (formerly called random section), users will experience the new format.

Please contact the LTC with any questions.

Winter Instructional Design Support

Want to update your learning activities or instructional strategies? Re-design your online course? Develop a D2L structure for your face-2-face course? Or, become more familiar with instructional technology options and gain D2L expertise? The Learning Technology Center staff are available over the break to guide faculty with a variety of course development needs as well as the appropriate use of technology to enrich teaching and learning.

Please call the LTC at (814)393-1848 to discuss your needs or [email LTC Support](#) to schedule an appointment.

Spring Workshop Series

Want to re-design your online course? Develop a D2L structure for your face-2-face course? Collaborate on a special course project? Increase engagement? Stop in and discuss your project or instructional needs...

- **Tech Tuesdays - Start Jan. 22** - and every Tuesday during spring semester. Drop-in Still 103 between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for assistance.

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• **Faculty First Friday series - Start Feb. 1** - Dedicated space and time for faculty to drop in and share teaching experiences with other faculty, get course development assistance, develop learning outcomes or discuss instructional strategies, you decide. Each month, we will have a focus topic to get the conversation started. Begins February 1, 2019 and continues the First Friday of every month through Spring term (12-1:30 p.m.) in Still 103 – LTC lab. Watch for the series schedule in January.

• **Zoom Video Conferencing** - Training sessions will cover 'getting started' and basic/most common use of Zoom. Face-to-face training will be conducted in 103 Still by LTC staff. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed for virtual (web-based) sessions.

Jan. 3 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Jan. 3 | 3:30 - 4:30 PM (virtual)

Jan. 8 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Jan. 9 | 9:00 - 10:00 (virtual)

Jan. 16 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Jan. 17 | 11:00 - 12:00 PM (virtual)

[Email LTC Support to register.](#) Please indicate session date and time. Participants will receive an email confirmation.

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