

# MTSU Online CTRL+ALT+TEACH

E-Faculty Highlights

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## Free Registration: OLC Elevate Virtual Conference

The Online Learning Consortium (OLC), an internationally recognized organization supporting excellence in digital teaching and learning, is hosting **OLC Elevate**, a 2-day virtual conference focused on AI-mediated ecosystems and emerging pedagogical shifts in digital learning.



The conference will be held via Zoom:

- **Tuesday, August 4**
- **Thursday, August 6**

As an institutional member of OLC, you are eligible to attend **at no cost**.

To register, create an OLC account using your MTSU email address and access the free conference registration.

[You can access additional details and the conference program on the OLC Elevate website.](#)

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to engage with national leaders and peers exploring the future of digital learning.





| July |           |        |    |                                                                                              |
|------|-----------|--------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Wednesday | 1 – 2  | PM | Engagement You Can't Fake: Action-First With Multimodal Learning                             |
| 8    | Wednesday | 1 – 2  | PM | When AI Joins the Course Design Team: An ID's Journey Through Faculty Adoption               |
| 10   | Friday    | 12 – 1 | PM | Cross-Course Authentic Assessment in an AI World                                             |
| 21   | Tuesday   | 1 – 12 | PM | Wellness That Works: Evidence-Based Practices to Support Online Learners                     |
| 22   | Wednesday | 12 – 1 | PM | Level Up Your Learning Materials: Strategies for Engaging Students with Interactive Elements |

## MTSU Online – Ask & Engage Drop-In's

Throughout the academic year, MTSU Online hosts our [Ask & Engage](#) online drop-in assistance sessions. Bring your questions about online teaching and learning strategies, designing your online courses, or current LMS features and functions.

| July 1      | July 14     | July 20       | July 29       |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 – 2:30 pm | 1 – 2:30 pm | 10 – 11:30 am | 10 – 11:30 am |





# CANVAS Corner

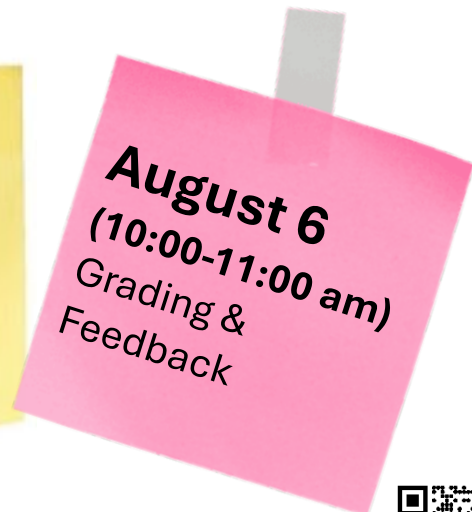
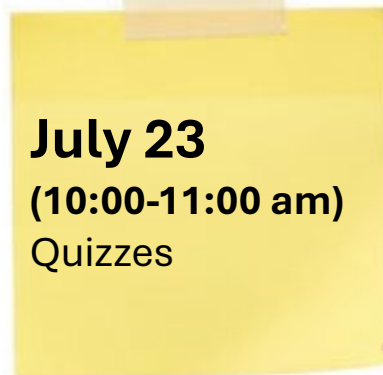
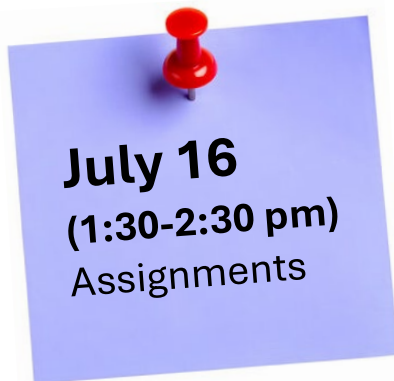


## Get a jump start!

1. Complete the [LinkedIn learning Canvas certification](#).
2. Complete the [Canvas Basic Badge Course](#).

A series of Canvas workshops designed to help you prepare for teaching in Canvas with confidence.

These hands-on sessions focus on the essential tools, strategies, and workflows needed to create a strong start to the semester.



Scan the QR code to view Jump Start session agendas and access the Zoom room link.



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See the full schedule of sessions on the [CTM website](#).

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## Quality Matters Corner w/ Tara



### Demystifying Quality Matters: Join the Next QM Café

Navigating course design standards shouldn't feel like a solo endeavor. Whether you are currently building an online course, prepping for a review, or simply curious about Quality Matters (QM) best practices, the QM Rubric, or the QM research library, you don't have to figure it out alone.

**No agenda, no presentation, and no preparation required.** Join us for the **QM Café**—a focused, one-hour virtual drop-in designed for busy faculty.

- **When:** The first Wednesday of every month from 11:30am – 12:30pm
- **Where:** <https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/88201227083>

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Elevate Your Impact: Become an MTSU Online Peer Reviewer!

Looking to connect with colleagues, sharpen your digital teaching toolkit, and champion student success? We invite you to join our Internal Peer Reviewer team.

### Why Join?

- **Sharpen Your Skills:** Gain a deeper understanding of best practices in online course design.
- **Earn Certification:** We fully fund your professional development, leading to a recognized **Quality Matters (QM)** certification via a free 3-week online course.
- **Build Community:** Collaborate with and support fellow faculty across disciplines.
- **Get Rewarded:** Receive a small stipend for each completed review.

Complete the [QM Peer Reviewer Application](#) today.

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**Have questions?** Drop by our virtual Quality Matters Café the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:30am or email [tara.perrin@mtsu.edu](mailto:tara.perrin@mtsu.edu)





## Proctoring POWER HOUR

Have questions about online testing, exam setup, or best practices? Join us for our monthly **Proctoring Power Hour**. A drop-in session designed to give you guidance, practical tips, and space to ask questions about anything related to remote proctoring. We're here to help you feel confident and supported. We hope to see you there.

For questions about proctoring, please submit an [MTSU Online Support Ticket](#) or select the help button.



### Support for Faculty

ProctorU continues to be an important resource for ensuring secure and reliable online testing.

More information can be found on our [Faculty Proctoring Resources](#) page.



[Review the MTSU Online Website](#)

[Meet the MTSU Online Team](#)

[Access the Online Proctoring Resources for Faculty](#) for instructions on setting up, updating, and syncing your exams.

[Request technology assistance through ITD](#)

[Communicate with your students about Tutor.com](#) for online student tutoring.

[Access Free tutoring services](#) from [the Office of Student Success](#).

Visit the [Canvas – Center for Teaching & Mentoring](#) page.



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## Now Available: Self-Paced AI Course for Faculty

This course introduces faculty to generative AI basics, university guidance, responsible prompting, and practical uses for course development and management. Participants explore how AI can enhance teaching in meaningful, efficient, and ethical ways.

Artificial intelligence is quickly becoming part of the higher education landscape, and faculty are looking for clear, practical, and responsible ways to understand how it can support their teaching. MTSU Online offers a self-paced course designed to help instructors explore the possibilities of AI while keeping academic integrity, transparency, privacy, and student learning at the center of the conversation.

### What the course covers:

- The basics of generative AI and how it works
- Current university guidance and responsible AI use
- Prompting strategies for faculty
- Creating course content and instructional materials with AI
- Drafting announcements, discussion prompts, and learning activities
- Building quizzes, assessments, and other course materials
- Using AI to support accessibility and efficiency
- Academic integrity, transparency, privacy, and ethical considerations
- Practical examples of how AI can support teaching and learning



**The course is designed for faculty at all comfort levels. Whether you are brand new to AI, cautiously curious, or already experimenting with tools in your teaching, this course provides a guided space to learn, reflect, and apply AI in ways that are thoughtful, ethical, and useful.**

Faculty are encouraged to enroll and build confidence using AI as a teaching support tool, not a replacement, but a resource to save time, strengthen courses, and support learning.

Each module includes examples, practical strategies, and optional discussions for questions, idea-sharing, feedback, and updates as AI tools evolve.



**Enroll today to explore how AI can support your teaching.**

Course Link: <https://mtsu.instructure.com/enroll/X83H6N>



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MTSU is a member of UPCEA, giving faculty access to valuable resources in online and professional education. Activate your free benefits by creating an account in the UPCEA [Member Portal](#) (list Middle Tennessee State University), then complete the Member Onboarding in the Learning Center to learn how to access resources, connect through [CORE](#), and maximize your membership.

Get started by logging into the [UPCEA's Learning Center](#), registering for the onboarding module, and exploring all UPCEA has to offer.



MTSU is also a member of the [Online Learning Consortium](#), giving you access to valuable tools and resources to support your teaching.

The first step is to create an OLC user account at the [Create an Individual OLC User Account](#) link. We encourage you to take advantage of our [OLC Institutional Membership Overview](#) to enhance your teaching and stay current with best practices in online learning.

*Thank you!*

Have ideas for future newsletters?  
Submit an [Online Faculty Support Request](#) and let us know.

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