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Department

Canvas Bootcamp

Canvas Bootcamp: Day 1

Tuesday, Aug. 11

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Track 1: Basic (LIB 264A or Zoom)

Track 2: Intermediate (LIB 272)

Canvas Bootcamp: Day 2

Wednesday Aug. 12

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Track 1: Basic (LIB 264A or Zoom)

Track 2: Intermediate (LIB 272)

Canvas Bootcamp: Day 3

Thursday, Aug. 13

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Track 1: Basic (LIB 264A or Zoom)

Track 2: Intermediate (LIB 272)

Canvas Bootcamp: Day 4 Q&A Sessions

Friday, Aug. 14

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Both Tracks: (LIB 264A or Zoom)

Choose sessions from two tracks:

Track 1 - Basic
Track 2 - Intermediate

The **Basic** track is available either online or in person, while the **Intermediate** track is offered in-person only. Sessions are flexible.

You may choose a mix of Basic and Intermediate sessions based on your experience in each area.

Spend three days building and refining your courses, then wrap up with a dedicated Q&A day on Friday to troubleshoot, polish your work, and receive expert support.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register by August 7 at:



See full schedule and register at ctm.mtsu.edu/canvas



Help Shape the Future of Online Testing

Respondus[®]

LockDown Browser + Respondus Monitor

Fall 2026 Pilot



We're looking for YOU
to help pilot Respondus [LockDown Browser](#) & [Monitor](#)
in your online courses.

As a pilot participant, you'll:

- Explore a new academic integrity solution
- Share feedback that will help guide future implementation
- Help improve the online student experience

Who should volunteer?

Faculty teaching online courses who use quizzes/exams and are interested in trying this new proctoring solution.

Pilot participants will receive:

- Training and setup assistance
- Dedicated support
- Best practice recommendations
- An opportunity to help shape the future of online assessment at MTSU

Interested?

Complete the [Course Information Form](#) by Wednesday, August 19.



Thank You!





Support Student Success with Tutor.com!

What if one simple addition to your Canvas course could give students **24/7 access to expert tutoring**, boost their confidence, and help them stay on track for success?

Tutor.com connects students with professional tutors anytime, day or night, in multiple subjects, including math, science, writing, business, computer science, nursing, and more. Whether they're preparing for an exam, tackling a challenging assignment, or looking for feedback before submitting a paper, help is always just a click away.

Why does it matter? Research consistently shows that students who take advantage of academic support services are more likely to earn higher grades, persist through challenges, and remain enrolled. Access to timely tutoring has also been linked to increased student confidence, engagement, and overall satisfaction with the learning experience. Studies show the value of connecting students with academic support early and often.

You Can Make the Difference. Students are far more likely to use tutoring services when **their instructor recommends them**. A quick announcement before an exam, a note in your syllabus, or a reminder after a difficult assignment can encourage a student to seek help before they fall behind. Even students who are earning good grades can benefit from tutoring to strengthen their understanding, improve study habits, and build confidence.

Getting Started Is Easy! We've created [step-by-step instructions](#) for adding the **Tutor.com** module and link to your Canvas course. It takes just a few minutes to set up and can have a lasting impact on your students' academic success, persistence, and overall experience.

One conversation. One click. It could make all the difference.





August				
5	Wednesday	1 – 2	PM	Upcoming Webinar Immersive Heritage: Rebuilding Ancient Egypt in a Virtual Classroom
19	Wednesday	1 – 2	PM	Designing Workforce-Ready Pathways: A 4T Sprint for Digital Learning Leadership

Visit the [MTSU Online Events Calendar](#) for specific dates, times, & Zoom link.

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.

August 10	August 26
1 – 2:30 pm	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.

August 6
(10:00-11:00 am)
Grading &
Feedback

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



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





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!

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.

Have questions? Drop by our virtual Quality Matters Café the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:30am or email tara.perrin@mtsu.edu





Proctoring **P**OWER 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.

Visit the [MTSU Online Events Calendar](#) for specific dates, times, & Zoom link.

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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