Lesson Plan: Leading Effective Discussions, Teamwork and Collaboration with Canvas

Purpose & Objectives

This workshop introduces pedagogical strategies and practices to facilitate discussion, collaboration and teamwork in online, blended and in-person learning environments. Specific tools will be demonstrated to illustrate how to build an effective social learning environment utilizing Canvas Discussions, Wikis, Conferences, Collaborations/Google Tools, and Groups.

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:
- Gain awareness of the challenges online discussions and group work present.
- Apply various methods for engaging students and develop strategies for making discussions captivating, encouraging teamwork and collaboration.

Audience
- Faculty and Staff

What We Cover

I. Approaches to Discussions, Teamwork and Collaboration
   A. Synchronous
   B. Asynchronous

II. Effective Discussion Strategies
   A. Why use discussions in Canvas?
   B. How to make discussions engaging

III. Facilitating Teamwork and Collaboration
   A. Challenges of Online Teamwork
   B. Teamwork and Assessment Strategies

IV. Canvas and External Tools
   A. Canvas Tools: Discussions, Groups, Collaborations, Conferences, Chat
   B. External Tools: Google Apps, Padlet, Perusall, Social Media