Lesson Plan: DesignPLUS: Design Tools for Canvas

Purpose & Objectives

This workshop will introduce the basics of DesignPLUS for Canvas, created by Cidi Labs, a toolset designed for instructional designers and instructors to more efficiently create robust, high-quality course templates and content to deliver a better student experience.

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

• Use the Design Tools Sidebar to style and organize content in the Rich Content Editor
• Select and implement content themes, banner images, navigation, and icons
• Insert and style content blocks, images, buttons, links, tables, and lists
• Upload, crop, resize and embed images utilizing the Upload/Embed Image Tool
• Enable the Multi-Tool to set a front page, create templates and modify assignment due/announcement dates

Audience

• Highly proficient Canvas users

What We Cover

I. What is DesignPLUS?
   A. Design Tools Sidebar
   B. Upload/Embed Image Tool
   C. Multi-Tool

II. Design Tools Sidebar
   A. Design Tools Wrapper
   B. Content Blocks
   C. Interface (Jump Menu, View Controls, Main Tools, Help)

III. Creating/Editing Content
   A. Themes, Banner Text and Images (Upload/Embed Image Tool)
   B. Navigation and Adding/Rearranging Content Blocks
   C. Basic Styling Tools (Images, Links/Buttons, Tables, Lists, Icons)
   D. Language Accents

IV. Multi-Tool Introduction
   A. Template Builder
   B. Module Builder
   C. Due Date Modifier
   D. Delayed Announcement Modifier