

# A NEW YEAR

at the MCC Center for  
Teaching & Learning!



Spring Semester  
Start-Up Guide

# Semester Start-Up Learning Guide

## It's a New Year at YOUR MCC Center for Teaching & Learning

The Mesa Community College Center for Teaching & Learning is offering a variety of learning opportunities in the New Year. Resolve in 2015 to attend these informative and hands-on sessions that will help you: discover the best in teaching and learning through Canvas, build success from day one and engage students in a vibrant and universal classroom community.

### 10 Steps to Getting Started in Canvas

Canvas is the Learning Management System of choice at the Maricopa Community College District. Did you know that Canvas

can benefit any course format - face-to-face, hybrid and online? Learn how to communicate with your students, post course materials/ syllabus, set-up assignments and grades within Canvas in just 10 easy steps.



### Instructure Canvas

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**This session is great for:** New Canvas users in all course formats and those curious about what a Learning Management System can do to improve teaching and learning!

Course #/Session #	Room	Day/Date/Time
001839/0011	AS175	Monday, Jan 5, 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.
001839/0012	AS175	Tuesday, Jan 6, 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.
001839/0013	AS175	Thursday, Jan 8, 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

### Assessing Learning and Giving Effective Feedback in Canvas

In this hands-on session participants will get a brief introduction to Grades (SpeedGrader and Crocodoc), Rubrics, Discussions, Quizzes, and Assignments features in Canvas and strategies on how to use them effectively to assess and provide feedback on student work. Review the options available in Canvas to help you know how well your students are learning in your courses.

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### Connecting in Canvas with Chat, Conferencing & Collaboration Tools

Explore the synchronous and asynchronous features in Canvas that can bring a dynamic, high-touch learning environment to any class. From chat for office hours to delivering formal online presentations, discover the engaging and easy to use tools that can extend the learning environment of any class format.

<http://tinyurl.com/MCCRegisterNOW>

# MCC CTL Opportunities

**Course #/Session #**  
001768/0007

**Room**  
AS175

**Day/Date/Time**

Thursday, Jan 8, 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.

**This session is great for:** Regular or more advanced Canvas users in all course formats and new users looking to review an important Canvas feature. (Note: This is not a getting started session).

## **Early, Often & Awesome! Building an Effective Learning Community**

The dynamics of what makes a class gel can seem at times mysterious. In this session we will

explore methods for capturing the "lightning" to purposefully build and sustain an engaging learning environment that connects students with each other, you and the content. A variety of welcome activities, assessment techniques, group exercises and collaborative assignments for online, hybrid and face-to-face class formats will be introduced and discussed. Bring your own ideas to share with the group!

**This session is great for:** All faculty.

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001555/0005

**Room**  
AS175

**Day/Date/Time**

Thursday, Jan 8, 11:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

## **Building a Learning-Centered and Interactive Syllabus**

Engaging students in the learning process begins with the syllabus. In this session we will explore how to construct a syllabus that not only conveys the required MCCC/D/MCC policies and procedures of the class, but introduces students to the goals of the learning process in an engaging way. Discover how to build an interactive syllabus that focuses on meaningful expectations, learning objectives and provides students with the resources to be successful from day one. Bring your syllabus to work on and share!

**This session is great for:** New faculty (adjunct or residential) developing a syllabus for the first time and seasoned faculty (adjunct or residential) interested in exploring a new way to engage learners in this course basic.

**Course #/Session #**  
001201/0013

**Room**  
AS175

**Day/Date/Time**

Friday, Jan 9, 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.



## **Pedagogy**

**Build your learning knowledge.**

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## Getting Started with Google - Gmail and Calendar

Attend this session to have hands-on assistance in using the MCCC CD Google Mail and Calendar systems. Learn the basics to effectively communicate and organize your work schedule!



## Google Apps

Mail, calendar and so much more!

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**This session is great for:** New employees (adjunct faculty, residential faculty, temporary workers, work study students, and staff) and those new to Google or looking for a refresher.

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## Mark Your Calendars - Important Spring Learning Dates



**January 30 MCLI Learning Grant Applications Due**  
[www.mcli.maricopa.edu/learning-grants](http://www.mcli.maricopa.edu/learning-grants)

Applications open to adjunct and residential faculty for a variety of innovative teaching and learning projects.



**February 6 MCLI Maricopa Institute for Learning Research Fellowship**  
[www.mcli.maricopa.edu/mil](http://www.mcli.maricopa.edu/mil)

Applications open to residential faculty in any discipline interested in examining significant issues and contributing to scholarship.



**March 2 -3 MCC Higher Learning Commission Visit**  
<https://tinyurl.com/MCCHLC>

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. Participate in HLC related events throughout the Spring to learn more about this exciting and important visit.

## It's YOUR CTL! Custom Service and Support Designed for You

The CTL is your partner as you encourage and implement innovative teaching, learning and workplace strategies. From general support to consultation services and tailored learning sessions, we are here to help you, your department or your division reach your goals for student success.

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