The Department of Online Learning

Monthly Newsletter

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Summer 2025

Event Dates

Register for the following events here

Events with Dates:
- Canvas Certification Course (7/7-8/10)
- Remote Training Course (9/1-9/14)
- Canvas Certification Course (9/22-10/26)

Self-Paced Trainings (May/June & Jul/Aug):
- Active Learning
- Accessibility in Online Learning
- Adobe Suite
- Applying Bloom's Taxonomy
- Authentic Learning
- Backward Design
- Canvas 101
- Canvas Rubrics
- Canvas Studio Basics
- Canvas Studio Advanced
- Communication Strategies in an Online Class
- Creating an Effective Syllabus
- Formative and Summative Assessment
- Google Meet
- Google Suite
- Kandao Camera Basics
- Online/Asynchronous Pedagogy
- The Hy-Flex Model
- Universal Design
- Using the Canvas Gradebook
- Zoom Basics
- Zoom Advanced

Important News

Summer Preparations

Summer is here, and it's the perfect time to get ahead on planning for the next semester. If any teachers need support with instructional design for the upcoming semester or the summer term, feel free to reach out to Onlinelearning or Rachel Peters at rpeters@lccc.edu

Article of the Month

Pt. 1 Beyond AI Detection - Rethinking Academic Assessments **by Carie Cardamone.** This article is part one in the series of Addressing Academic Integrity in the Age of AI. It explores how to rethink assessment strategies to foster authentic student engagement. The article provides examples of approaches that are designed to reduce incentives to cheat.
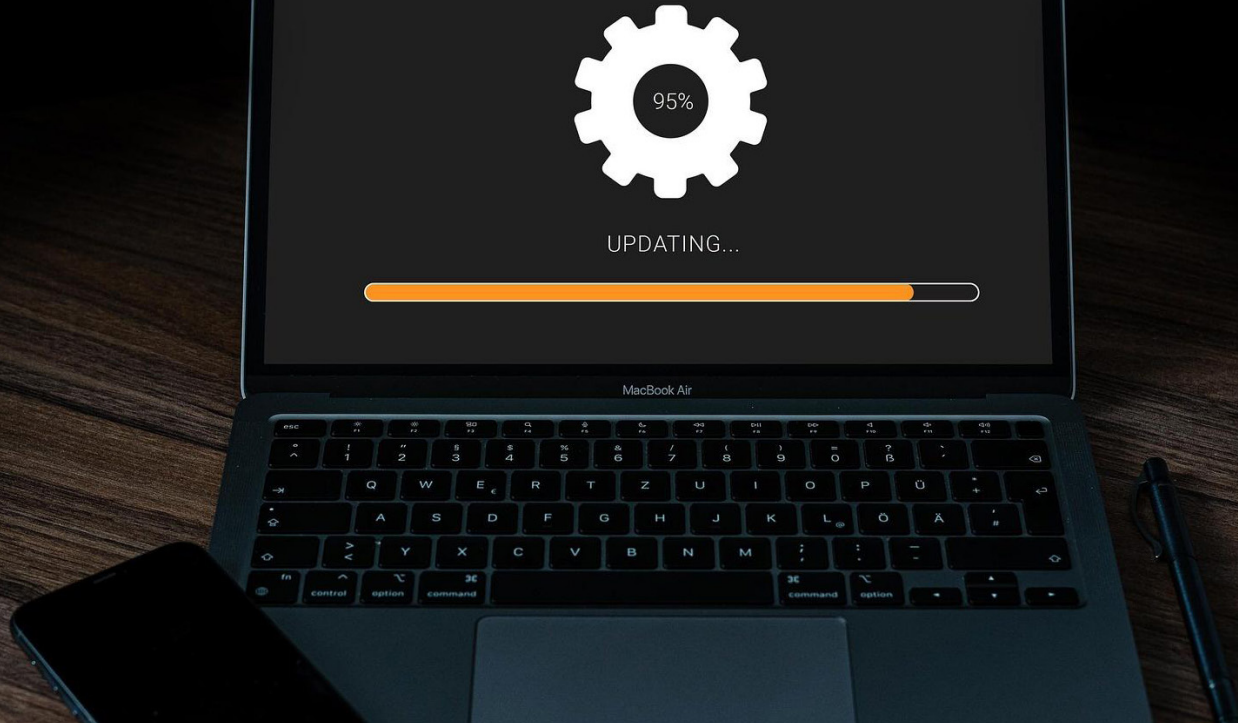
Training/Badge Spotlight

Beyond a Checklist: Authentic Learner Interactivity and Assessment in the Age of AI June 4nd 1pm EST

This webinar explores how QM principles and strategies can help maintain authentic learner engagement despite AI challenges, offering practical ways to enhance Online interaction. You can register with the direct link.

Optimizing Online Learning" Bridging UDL, Cognitive Load Theory, and Usability June 17th 2pm EST

This webinar will explore how combining UDL and CLT principles improves Online lectures for more inclusive and engaging learning. You can register for this through the QM link or find both trainings and more on their free webinar section.

Canvas Updates & How To

New Canvas Features Coming

Accessibility Updates (Coming over the coming months)

Changes to the following will be made to enhance accessibility, intuitiveness, and equity:
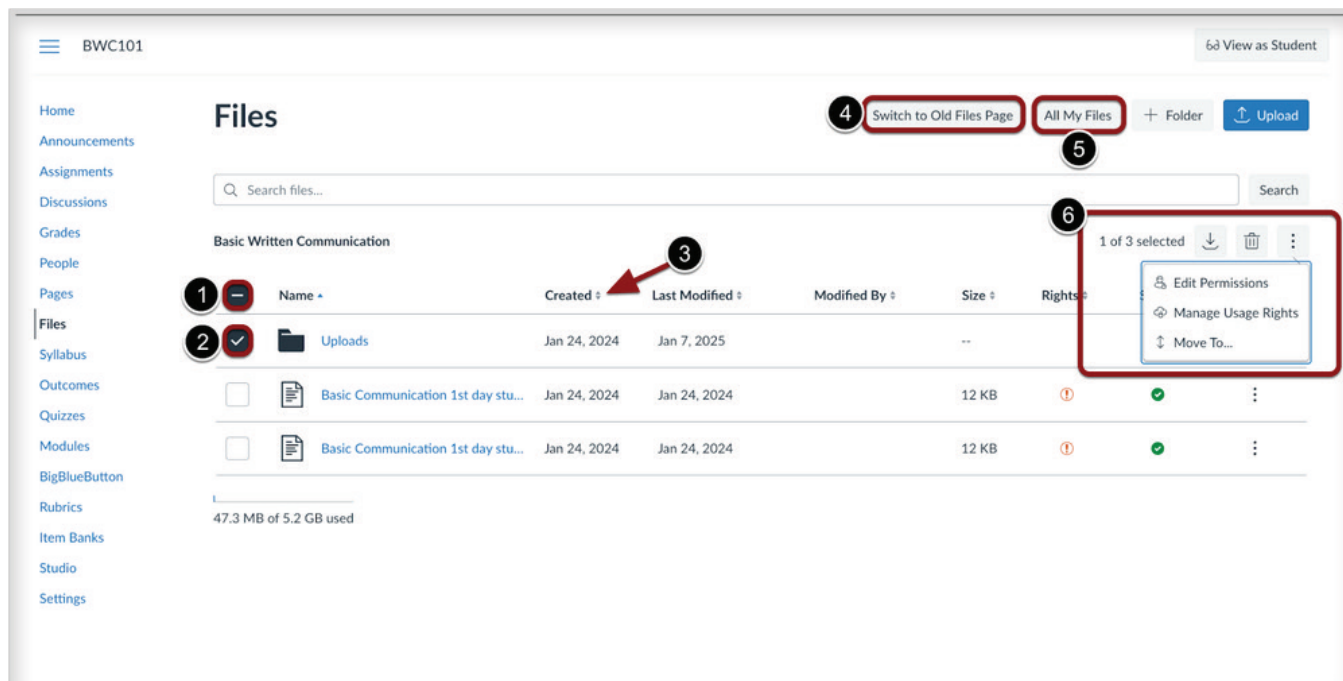
1. Enhanced Structural Clarity
2. Improved Error Feedback
3. Improved Visual Clarity and Semantic Structure
4. Streamlined Navigation and Keyboard Accessibility

More info about this will be released as provided by Canvas.

Files Redesigned page (Available 6/21)

The Files page has been redesigned for a cleaner, simpler experience. You can toggle between the new and old views, and large file sets now use pagination. Sorting columns and clearer permission management are new features, but dragging files to move them is no longer supported. Selection options have changed, with new check boxes replacing keyboard shortcuts. Note that preview links can't be shared outside the platform anymore. These updates make file management easier, especially with many files.

The following Image on the next page shows the workflow and features of this update.
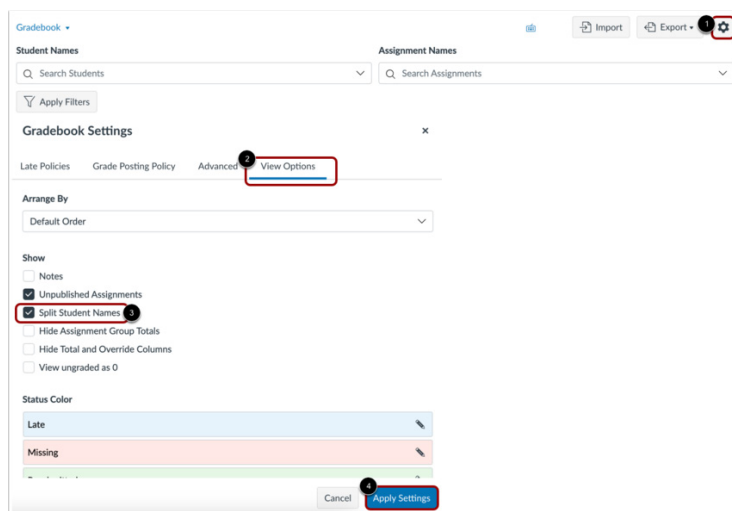
To select all files and folders at once, click the Select All check box [1]. To select files or folders individually, use the check box next to each file or folder[2]. Column headers can be clicked to sort files and folders [3]. To switch between the new and original Files page, click the Switch to Old/New Files Page button [4]. To view the files landing page, click the All My Files button [5]. Bulk action options are available when files and/or folders are selected [6].

Split Student Names Column in the Gradebook (Available now)

In the Gradebook setting you can enable the Split Student Names in your Gradebook view. This will create two separate columns for the students last name and first names, making it easier to sort in excel if you export your gradebook. The following will show you how to enable this feature.

1. In your course, click on Grades in the course navigation.
2. Once in your gradebook, click on the settings gear icon in the top left.
3. In the settings click on the view options tab.
4. Check off Split Student Names under the Show area.
5. Click the Apply Settings button at the bottom left of the screen.

You can find more information in the How do I view the Split Student Names column in the Gradebook guide.

Online Learning Badge
RECOGNITION

Remote Certification

Amy Moyer

Toni Woods Maignan

Relax and Unwind

With the start of the semester, the end of the summer, life, and any other events you may be juggling, it is important to remember to find moments to relax, recharge, and unwind. This section is all about some fun items going on right now in media or locally to help you with that.

47th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival

June 7th from 10-4 pm at the Moravian Historical Society, Nazareth, Free. Enjoy a fun-filled day with beautiful arts and crafts, numerous food and beverage trucks, and free entertainment. The Arts & Crafts Festival is open to the public with free admission. For more information visit their website.

Schnecksville Community Fair

June 17-21st at 4550 Old Packhouse Rd, Schnecksville, tickets range from free to $8. The 40th annual event features comedy/hypnotist & magic shows, dog agility demonstrations, live music in the pavilion, chainsaw carving demonstrations & competitions, quarter midget racing, special contests, and lots MORE. For more information and tickets view https://schnecksvillefair.com

Musikfest

Musikfest 2025 is happening August 1st - 10th!
Each summer, Bethlehem comes alive as the tradition of Musikfest returns to the city. (August 1-10, 2025)! The festival kicks off on the first Friday of August and continues for 10 consecutive days packed with music, food, and plenty of fun for all ages. More information can be found on the Musikfest website.