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Thrive: A Practical Framework for Sustainable Wellbeing

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1:30-3:00 pm | Steen Library Room 219

Focused on self-care, work-life balance, and sustainable wellbeing, THRIVE is a joint initiative of the CTL, Employee Wellness, and Counseling Services. Let us know you're interested at tinyurl.com/SFA-THRIVE and we'll keep you informed about upcoming meetings, resources, and readings. Can't make it? No stress! Come THRIVE with us whenever you can!

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5 Tools, Big Impact: Brightspace Accessibility Made Easy

Facilitator: Laura Osborne | August 27 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

In this fast-paced session, you'll discover five tools in Brightspace that make accessibility easy, including the embedded ReadSpeaker tool, the accessibility checker, the media library, and more. Time will be provided towards the end of the session for Q&A about accessibility, as well.

Note: This workshop counts towards fulfillment of the Advanced Topics in Brightspace certificate.

Accessibility Open Lab

December 4 | 10:00-11:00 am & 2:00-3:30 pm | Steen Library Room 219

As you ready your courses for Spring 2027, join us for an Open Lab focused on accessibility. Bring your questions, course materials, or online resources, and we'll help you identify, address, and remove accessibility barriers so that students can access and use your course materials successfully.

Brightspace Time Hacks

Facilitator: Laura Osborne | October 8 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

Ever wish you could accomplish more in Brightspace in a shorter amount of time? You are in luck—in this session you'll learn a variety of shortcuts and timesavers, including tips, techniques, and creative ideas for using a wide array of course tools to work smarter, not harder in Brightspace.

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Building Momentum: A Course Checkup for Student Success

Facilitator: Hollie Beauchamp | September 3 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

The first few weeks of the semester provide valuable insight into what's working—and what could use a small adjustment. This workshop offers a practical "course checkup" to help you strengthen student engagement, clarify expectations, and build momentum for the weeks ahead. Through guided reflection and hands-on planning, you'll evaluate your course through four key checkpoints and leave with simple, high-impact changes you can implement right away.

Generative AI: From Prompts to Partnership

Facilitator: Emily Dodson | September 30 | 2:00-3:00 pm | Livestreaming

AI is most powerful when it adapts to your thinking, not the other way around. Learn practical ways to shape AI around your goals, cognitive style, and workflows so it becomes a genuine collaborator rather than just another tool.

Faculty Activity Report Workshop

Facilitator: Laura Osborne | November 18 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

Learn more about the Faculty Activity Report (FAR), including recommendations for where and how to list your credentials, achievements, research and scholarship, teaching, service, and professional development.

Finding and Fixing Accessibility Issues

Facilitator: Kelsey Wigand | September 24 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

This session will help you identify and address common accessibility issues using a practical checklist. You will learn to recognize accessibility barriers in Brightspace course shells, apply a simple accessibility checklist when building or reviewing course content, and locate campus resources and tools that support accessible course design.

Inspect, Adjust, Improve: Building a Better Course for Next Time

Facilitator: Cindy Kilpatrick | November 5 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

The end of the semester is the perfect time to evaluate and plan improvements to your course before memories fade. Learn practical strategies for gathering insights, documenting ideas, and making small, intentional improvements that can have a big impact the next time this course is taught.

Microsoft 365: M365 Ecosystem & Your Digital Hub (M365 Series Session 1)

Facilitator: Theunis Oliphant | September 16 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

This foundational session demystifies the Microsoft 365 ecosystem. Faculty will gain a clear operational framework for the "cloud vs. desktop" paradigm, learn to navigate the SFA portal efficiently, and establish an organized digital homepage for their teaching, research, and administrative responsibilities.

Protecting Academic Integrity in the Age of AI

Facilitator: Theunis Oliphant | November 12 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

As AI content becomes ubiquitous, AI literacy is a vital skill. This focused session explores the risks of generative AI bias and "hallucinations". Discover pedagogical strategies to help students identify and verify AI falsehoods, turn them into critical thinkers who can navigate the complexities of automated information.

Recognize, Respond, Connect: Supporting Students in Distress

Facilitator: Clare Fite | October 14 | 2:00-3:00 pm | Livestreaming

Learn how to recognize signs of student distress, respond with confidence and care, and connect students with the right campus resources and support. Attendees will explore Health & Wellness Hub resources, strategies for early intervention, how and when to submit an iCare report, and practical ways to support students who may be struggling.

Teaching Tips – Beyond Accessibility: Building WCAG-Aligned Courses

Facilitator: Javier Vega | October 23 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Livestreaming

You've learned the basics of accessible course design but what are some next steps? This session explores how faculty can align course materials with WCAG 2.1 AA standards through thoughtful organization, accessible documents, meaningful media, and inclusive assessment practices.

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Turnitin in Brightspace: Setup, Similarity Reports, and Feedback Essentials

Facilitator: Laura Osborne | September 10 | 2:00-3:00 pm | Livestreaming

This workshop will equip you with the practical skills needed to use Turnitin effectively within Brightspace. We'll look at how to set up Turnitin in a dropbox assignment folder, how to access and interpret Similarity Reports, how to view and interpret Turnitin's AI writing detection reports, and finally, we'll look briefly at Turnitin's GradeMark tools for leaving inline comments on student work.

