



# CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

## NEWSLETTER



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### Dear Mountain Lions,

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is growing every day! If you would like assistance or resources, email [cetl@mctc.edu](mailto:cetl@mctc.edu).



### Monthly Updates

- The CETL team is working to plan in-service offerings.
- The CETL's website will have a soft launch in November!
- The first draft of the Operations Manual is seventy percent complete.



### Important Dates

- November 19: "Writing Assessment Reports" at 10am on Zoom
- November 20: "Writing Assessment Reports" at 3pm in G03

### CETL Resources

#### Physical Library

Use this QR code to check out our new arrivals!

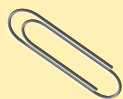


### CETL YouTube Channel

Missed one of the workshops in October? Need a refresher on program alignment maps, master course outlines, and more? Check out our YouTube Channel!

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## Assessment Bootcamp

On December 17 and 18, the Assessment Committee will be hosting its first ever “Assessment Bootcamp.” Covering topics ranging from vocabulary and types of assessment to future HLC accreditation changes, this two-day, intensive in-service session will provide faculty with the information and resources to excel in their future assessment endeavors.



## Conference Alert

The “Conference Alert” section will officially have a new home on the CETL website! On this portion of the site, faculty will be able to see different conferences, along with a brief synopsis of each conference’s focus and its specific dates.

Faculty and staff interested in attending any professional development should meet with their respective chair or dean.

## Preparing for Ultra

We’re getting closer and closer to the implementation of Blackboard Ultra, and the CETL team wants to ensure that faculty have the support and resources they need. To help facilitate this change, the Online Oversight Committee is developing a campus-wide survey to identify how faculty currently use Blackboard in their courses.

In the survey, faculty can identify what tools they use in Blackboard, elements of Blackboard they would like assistance with, and more. The results of this survey are planned to be shared with the eventual new hire for Distance Education to help them better assist our faculty. Keep an eye out for it!



## October’s Assessment Workshops

On October 23 and 25, the CETL held its first workshop, titled “The State of Assessment.” The sessions were approximately an hour in length, covering past and current assessment methods, rubric usage, and generating rubric reports in Blackboard.

Thank you everyone who attended! The recording was officially made available on Monday, October 28 on the CETL’s YouTube channel.

Though the CETL’s current offerings are assessment focused, our team has plenty of other exciting ideas in the works, so please stay tuned!