11 Key Accessibility Questions for Software and Application Vendors

1. Is your entire solution ADA Compliant to WCAG 2.0 Level AA Guidelines? This includes a) user and b) administrator (or faculty member) functions.

2. Is all functionality of your solution operable via the keyboard without relying on key shortcuts? This includes all menus and other navigation.

3. Does your solution provide a clear visual indicator of the current item in focus?

4. Does your solution rely on color alone to convey application state or other information?

5. Does your solution have form fields and buttons with valid programmatic labels that are available to assistive technologies?

6. Does your solution have descriptive alternative text for informational images, charts and graphs?

7. Does your solution have a logical and programmatically discernible structure (e.g., headings) that follows the visual structure?

8. Does your solution have a logical reading order for assistive technologies and a logical tab order for keyboard users?

9. Does your solution meet specified minimums for color contrast of text to ensure readability?

10. Does your solution remain usable in high-contrast color modes?

11. Does your solution allow for magnification without loss of content? (e.g., zoom page to 200% - is all content of screen retained?)

Adapted from the University of Illinois Minimal Functional Accessibility Checklist

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