



Fighting Fires or Changing Culture: Prioritizing Accessibility in Peer Developed Courses - Changing How Faculty Approach Course Design

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Outline

- Peer Developed Courses (PDC)
- Timeline of building accessibility culture
- Instructor/faculty focused efforts
- Instructor/faculty feedback
- Lessons learned

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Number	1	2	3	4
How you feel about helping faculty with accessibility.				

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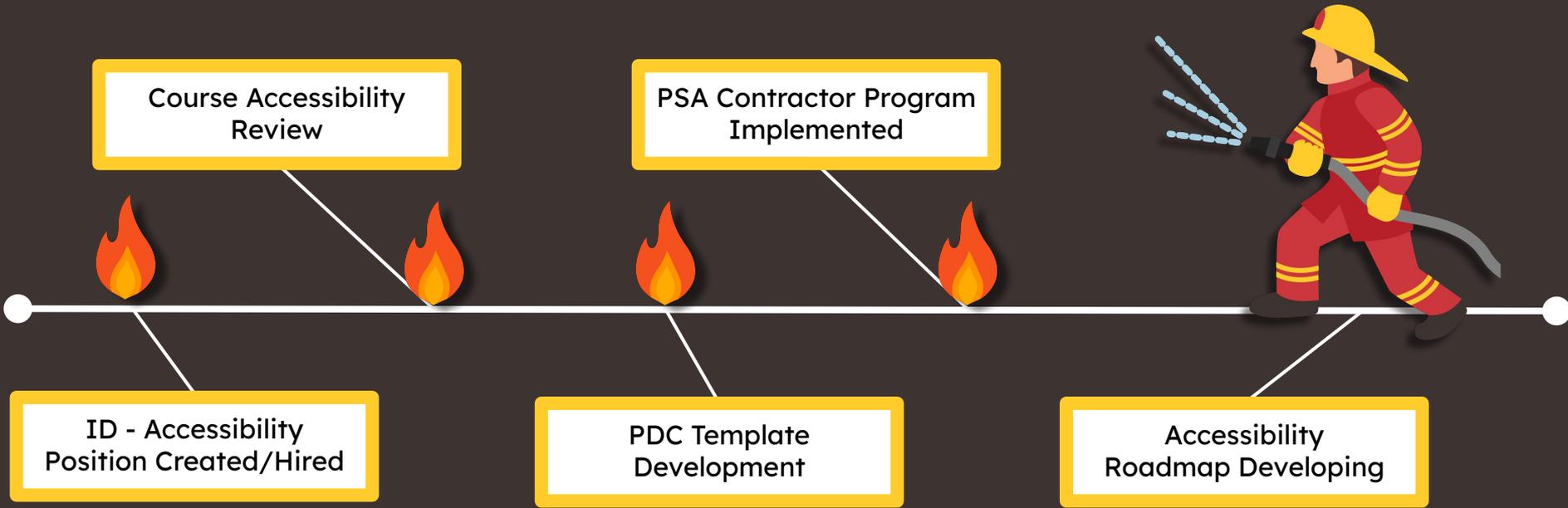
Peer Developed Courses (PDC)

TCC Connect Peer Developed Courses (PDC)

- Currently 35 courses available
- 2 course updated in 2017
- 1 course updated in 2020
- 32 courses updated 2021
- 3 in development



Timeline



TCC Accessibility Action Timeline



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becomes available,
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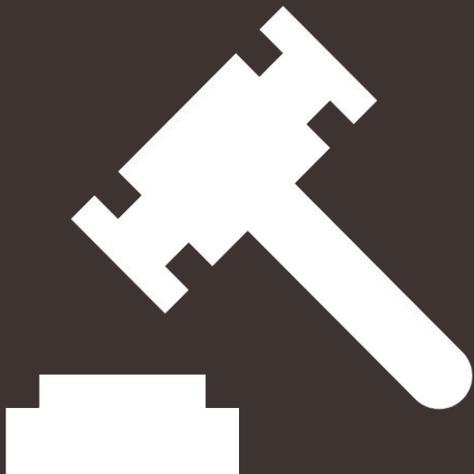
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Instructor/Faculty Focused Efforts

Our Focused Efforts

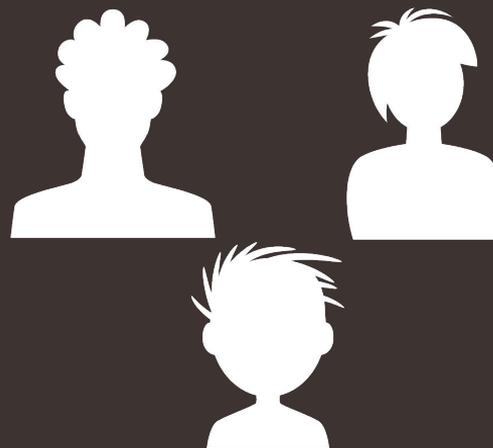
“Accessibility is the law.”



“It’s accessible because it’s the right thing to do.”



“Here are the humans who benefit from providing accessible materials.”



Instructor/Faculty Feedback

**Most Impactful or Valuable
Instructional Module: Accessibility was
really helpful. I need to work on this in
my classes, and I was not aware of a
lot of the tools available to help.**

**Most Impactful or Valuable
Instructional Module: Building Access.
I didn't know that canvas had an
accessibility checker built in.**

Feedback Instructor 2

Something That Was Reinforced: A focus on accessibility. This is easier to do in a face-to-face classroom setting as the issues are noticeable. There are many challenges that can arise from distance learning that need to be considered for all students to have success.

This was a good reminder about some of the accessibility issues that are not always at the forefront of our course planning.

Feedback Instructor 4

I didn't realize how dynamic Canvas is and how many resources are available to help make courses accessible.

...really good and helped me realize I need to take a look at accessibility in all my courses. I already feel like I am consistent and organized, but lots of the color coding needed to go. I am still interested to know more about accessibility some of the handwritten drawings and class notes that I do in my math classes and then post them later. I always feel like math is always more complicated to make accessible but it shouldn't be.

Feedback Instructor 6

I benefitted greatly from the "little guy" who checked accessibility. I had no idea that my own listing may not display properly for other users. Now, I am constantly clicking the "little man" to ensure I'm compliant. This is a great feature and I appreciate that it was discussed and demonstrated.

This was a great module because it brought my attention to accessibility issues in my current virtual classrooms. With the help of the instructors, I now have the means to create accessible and responsive pages that look great on multiple screen sizes and will not prove to be a problem with screen readers. This is great because I like to use navigational images and I didn't want to abandon those for accessibility. I can now replace all my formatting tables with bootstrap grids.

Feedback Instructor 8

Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned Basics

- Bottom up method versus top down method; “Jaws of Life” method
- Start small
- Start somewhere
- Identify and prioritize needs
- Choose one thing (focus)
 - Do it well
 - Get “good” at it
 - Assimilate into the culture
- Intentional movement and progress (road map)
- Monitor impact and progress
 - “What is expected must be inspected.”
- #AllMeansAll

More Lessons Learned

- **Staffing**
 - Centrally localized department/unit within the organization for consistency and support through training and resources
 - Student facing vs. Faculty/Staff facing
- **Budget for:**
 - Staffing
 - Resources
 - Materials
 - Procedures
 - Software
 - Hardware
 - Training
 - Unplanned items

Questions?

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“Do the best that you can
until you know better.
Then when you know
better, do better.”

Maya Angelou