Instructional Technology & Design Newsletter

Welcome to the Fall 2025 Semester!

We're hoping you all had a restful summer and that your Fall semester is already off to a great start. We'd like to share with you some updates to our team and how you can get support this semester, many RSI resources and a few reminders for the semester. We're wishing you a wonderful semester filled with the magic of teaching and learning!

-Your Instructional Technology & Design Team

How to Get Support - Fall 2025

- **If you have questions or issues about Canvas, Zoom and Nuventive:**
    - Contact Lindsey Irizarry, our Instructional Technologist
        - Email irizarryl@smccd.edu
        - Book an appointment with Lindsey on Calendy.
- **If you have questions about DE Addenda, Online Teaching training, POCR or RSI:**
    - Contact Nada Nekrep, our Faculty Online Instruction Coordinator
        - Email: nekrepn@smccd.edu
- Our Instructional Design Team is **available to support faculty teaching in all modalities, who are interested in learning more about course design strategies, student engagement, creative assessment, alternative grading strategies, and more.**
    - Allison Hughes, Instructional Designer
        - Allison is back from maternity leave part-time this semester, so she's available for instructional design support via email and consultations. Her availability is only part-time though, so our other instructional designers are also available to help you!
        - Email: hughesa@smccd.edu
        - Book a consultation with Allison on Calendly
    - Erica Reynolds, Instructional Designer
        - Erica is available to continue helping faculty with preparation for our RSI reviews. If you have any questions about RSI, or just would like double check that you're RSI-ready, check in with Erica.
        - Email: reynoldse@smccd.edu
    - Jenni McGuire, Instructional Designer
        - Jenni is available for instructional design support via email or consultations.
        - Email: mcguirej@smccd.edu
        - Book an appointment with Jenni on Calendly.
    - Terri Hannon, Instructional Designer
        - Terri will be helping our instructional design team with creating instructional design guides and resources that faculty need to reference. If you have an idea for a guide or resource that would be helpful for faculty, please share your idea with Terri.
        - Email: hannont@smccd.edu

Instructional Technology & Design One-Stop Office Hours

The Instructional Technology & Design Team will be holding drop-in office hours on **Tuesdays from 11:00am – 12:00pm** on Zoom (https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87059093578). We'll all be available for help so you can get all your instructional design, technology, POCR and DE Addenda questions answered at one time.

Double Check Your Courses for RSI Readiness!

Below are a few resources we recommend for faculty teaching online in Fall 2025 to review to ensure their courses align with the RSI Rubric.

- **See how Cañada faculty apply RSI standards in their courses:** Watch this 12-minute quick cut video of our Summer 2025 RSI Showcase and see how three Cañada faculty from three different divisions apply RSI standards to their courses.
- **Office Hours -** Stop by our One-Stop Office Hours on Tuesdays from 11-12 (see above) to check in about RSI, or get any questions you might have answered.
- **Use the RSI Checklist to evaluate your online courses**
  - Review the ACCJC RSI Rubric and use Cañada's RSI Self Assessment Tool to evaluate the RSI in your online courses. The more elements you have checked off, the better RSI you have!
  - The session recording below introduces the RSI Checklist, a practical tool designed to help online faculty easily assess and strengthen the use of Regular and Substantive Interaction in their courses.
    - Access the Recording for Elevate Your Online Teaching with the RSI Checklist
    - Passcode: GQ*z13=k
- **Try the RSI Plan Template**
  - If you need some help developing a plan for RSI, we suggest filling out the RSI Plan Template. After completing the template, you can upload it directly to your Canvas course.

Upcoming Training

New Sessions Coming to the Faculty Teaching & Learning Center!
New sessions will soon be posted on the Faculty Teaching & Learning Sessions page. We hope to see all of you at at least one session this year!

Upcoming QOTL 1 & 2 Cohorts
Below are our QOTL 1 and 2 cohorts for the 2025-2026 academic year. If you're interested in completing QOTL this year, please email Nada Nekrep, our Online Instruction Coordinator at nekrepn@smccd.edu.
- Spring 2026:
  - QOTL 1: March 2 – April 19
  - QOTL 2: February 23 – March 29

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