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## UTA CRTLE NEWSLETTER

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### College Teaching Training Certificate (CTTC) Program

Faculty Send Your Graduate Students!

Friday, October 8, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

113 Trinity Hall, 800 Greek Row

Calling all graduate students to join us for a workshop focused on how to effectively teach large classes! This session is part of CRTLE's College Teaching Training Certificate (CTTC) program for graduate students in all academic disciplines. Light refreshments will be provided for in-person attendees. *The option to attend remotely is available; please indicate on the RSVP form.*

[RSVP CRTLE CTTC Graduate Student Event](#)

### Be a Faculty Mentor!

Calling all experienced faculty members to join the UTA Faculty Mentor program!

Some of the benefits of being a faculty mentor include:

- Increased diversity of networks for new professional partnerships.
- New insights, knowledge, and renewed energy/excitement from teaching/research/service areas.
- Collective synergy from collaborative writing and/or research opportunities
- Ability to shape and grow the department/college culture vision.
- Sense of purpose and satisfaction to "pay it forward" to the next generation of faculty scholars

**Are you already helping new faculty or would you like to start?**

[Apply to be a Mentor!](#)

### We Want to Hear From You!

CRTLE and CDE Survey on Online and Digitally Enhanced Learning at UTA

*Faculty* - let us learn of your experiences! Take just **10 minutes** to answer 9 questions about your teaching experiences since March 2020.

Over the past 18 months, you have likely incorporated new technology and techniques into your teaching to adapt during the pandemic. CRTLE and CDE would like to learn more about your experiences—what worked well, what did not, and how we might work together to improve digitally enhanced and online teaching. Responses are anonymous, with the option to identify only if willing to participate in further discussion.

[Online and Digitally Enhanced Learning: Take the Survey Here](#)



### CRTLE Faculty Lounge

Trading Teaching Tips and Triumphs

Monday October 18, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

*Topic: Specification Grading*

Join us for interactive exploration and informal conversation on specification grading led by CRTLE Faculty Facilitator Dr. Kendra Wallis. The CRTLE Faculty Lounge features interactive conversations and exchange of teaching strategies to best engage students in learning and promote successful achievement in all teaching modalities. The CRTLE Faculty Lounge sessions are led by our CRTLE Faculty Facilitators.

*The option to join remotely is available; please indicate on the RSVP form. Light refreshments will be provided.*

#### CRTLE Faculty Facilitators

- Dr. Jerry Hubbard, College of Business
- Dr. Kendra Wallis, College of Engineering
- Dr. Robin Macaluso, College of Science
- Dr. Cynthia Kilpatrick, College of Liberal Arts
- Dr. Carla Amaro-Jimenez, College of Education

[RSVP CRTLE Faculty Lounge](#)

### CRTLE Center for Service Learning Community Partner Breakfast

Friday, October 15, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Rio Grande Ballroom  
EH Hereford University Center

The annual Partner Breakfast brings together UT Arlington faculty, staff, and administrators with regional nonprofit community agencies, providing a unique opportunity for collaboration in service learning projects within UT Arlington academic courses. It also provides campus departments the chance to discuss service opportunities for their departments and organizations where civic engagement is a major component.

Following Our Community Partner Breakfast:

#### Service Learning Volunteer Opportunity Event

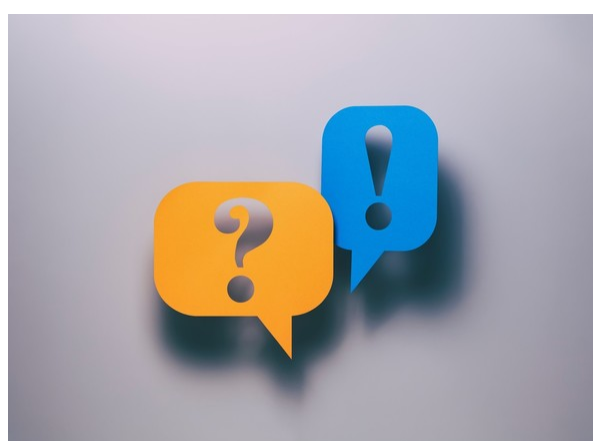
Friday, October 15, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Palo Duro Lounge  
1st floor EH Hereford University Center

This event is open to the entire UTA Community and enables faculty, staff, student organizations, campus departments, and/or individuals to network with our area nonprofit agencies to find ongoing or short-term service learning or volunteer opportunities. VOE is an open event for our campus community, so please take advantage of this unique experience.

Click [here](#) to watch the Youtube video from our 2020 virtual event!

[RSVP for Partner Breakfast and Volunteer Event](#)



### Did you Know? Accessibility in Canvas Promoting Successful Learning for All Students

Did you know you can make your course more accessible with some easy-to-make changes to your documents in Canvas?

- In your Canvas course click on "Accessibility Checker" on the left side menu.
- Find your course rating for accessibility (Ally tool)
- On the right side of page, click on *Content with the easiest issues to fix*.
- Open items that need to be adjusted for accessibility by clicking on the dial and make the suggested changes!

One common reason courses have low accessibility scores is that images need "alternative text."

Add a simple statement to describe images and see your accessibility score go up!

More information on using the Ally tool in Canvas including training sessions offered by our partners in CDE is [here](#).



#### Center for Distance Education (CDE)

Join the UTA Center for Distance Education (CDE) for trainings on Canvas Ally, and more! The calendar of trainings offered by CDE and sign-up links are [here](#).

#### Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Our Office of Information Technology (OIT) offers trainings on Teams, QuestionPro, and many other tools. Access the OIT training schedule and sign-up links [here](#).

**From OIT: Are you having trouble with connectivity on campus? Switch to UTA WIFI!**

### Learn and Achieve Together

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