

Certification in College Teaching - Mentored Teaching Project Document

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Context for Project (e.g., course name)

Workshop – Navigating Digital Accessibility @ MSU

Proposed Semester for Project

Summer 2024

I am willing to have a link to my ePortfolio shared on the Graduate School website. YES NO (circle one)

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

My goal is to determine the knowledge educators at Michigan State University have about digital accessibility in the undergraduate classroom. I will teach a workshop on the basics of digital accessibility and resources available at MSU, and through pre- and post- assessment I hope to determine if it will lead to an increase of implementation of digital accessibility practices in the undergraduate classroom. Upon completion of this learning experience participants will be able to:

- Explain the importance of implementing digital accessibility practices in the classroom
- Recognize the concepts involved in universal design for learning (UDL)
- Identify resources related to digital accessibility that are available at MSU
- Discuss possibilities for making their new and/or existing courses accessible

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION, STUDENT OBJECTIVES, TIMELINES, AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:

As part of the CTLI fellowship for the 2023-2024 academic year, I developed the Digital Accessibility Toolkit with the hope that it would help educators at MSU better understand the importance of digital accessibility and raise awareness about the resources available to them at MSU. I hope to use this work as the basis for a workshop, where I will instruct my fellow graduate teaching assistants and members of the CTLI community on digital accessibility best practices with the goal of helping them begin to implement digital accessibility practices in their own classrooms. The toolkit was completed by April 24, 2024, and I will teach a workshop in partnership with CTLI and the Graduate School on July 16, 2024. Participants will complete a pre- and post- survey to assess whether the workshop better familiarized them with the resources available to them at MSU and whether they will be more intentional in incorporating digital accessibility into their courses in the future.

MENTOR'S ROLE IN THE PROJECT, INCLUDING PLANNED MEETINGS AND PROJECT ASSESSMENT:


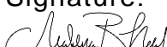
Dr. Makena Neal has mentored me through the creation of the Digital Accessibility Toolkit as part of the Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation Fellowship for the 2023-2024 academic year. We have met as a cohort for the fellowship biweekly throughout the year, and I have scheduled and met with Dr. Neal for at least one additional meeting per month in the spring semester. I have worked with Dr. Neal to develop a pre- and post-assessment survey or a workshop on digital accessibility, and I will continue to meet with her in the lead-up to the workshop during Summer Semester 2024.


METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

I plan to provide a pre- and post- assessment survey to participants in a workshop on digital accessibility at MSU (see attached copy of Qualtrics form). This survey will track participants' knowledge of digital accessibility best practices before and after the workshop, whether they will change their approach to digital accessibility, and how aware participants were of digital accessibility resources on campus before and after the workshop.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL

I approve the proposed mentored teaching project as described above, and will assist in project design, implementation and methodology where needed.

Student Name (print)	Katherine I. Knowles	Date: 7/11/2024	Signature: 
Mentored Teaching Project	Makena Neal	Date: 07/11/2024	Signature: 

College Coordinator Name	Scott Schopieray	Date: 8/9/2024	Signature: 
<i>I support the student's participation in the Certification in College Teaching program, and I certify that she/he/they is/are making good progress towards the degree.</i>			
Advisor Name	Jyotsna G. Singh	Date: 7/11/2024	Signature: 