

Accelerating Student and Community Engagement: A Faculty Model for Experiential Learning Co-Design

This presentation will describe the Experiential Learning Design Accelerator (the Accelerator) initiative at the University of Arizona and its impact on this campus. Specifically, this presentation will address the campus-wide faculty selection process; programmatic components of the Accelerator including topical workshops exploring themes such as reciprocity within community partnerships, iterative development embedded in student-facing assignments, and the design and execution of effective digital learning and reflection tools. Critically, this presentation will look at the foundational training in design thinking to inform course design and delivery, in particular strategies for practicing empathy when initiating and sustaining community partnerships.

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