

COVID Reflection Workshop: Moving Forward with New Teaching Practices

Since COVID-19 hit higher education, educators across campus have had to make dramatic changes to their teaching. We all have witnessed first-hand the challenges, successes, fears, and hopes of our colleagues. We resist any attempts to find “silver linings” for this global crisis, but we acknowledge that teaching is a fundamentally iterative practice, providing opportunities semester after semester, year after year to rethink, reengineer, and reevaluate our practices. This workshop is designed to take a moment and reflect on how the pandemic has changed our instruction. Participants will work individually then have the opportunity to discuss with other faculty practices that may have changed. As we continue to grow and evolve from the ever-changing environment of teaching, let’s hope for an improved teaching environment for all our students.

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