Good Afternoon, Colleagues –

Below please find the next installment of MTSU Online’s weekly resources, tools, and tips for distance education. Remember that MTSU Online continues to support the great work unfolding in your programs and departments, so be sure to let us know if you have specific needs, questions, etc.

**This week’s e-mail is designed with the first week of classes in mind.**

Congratulations! You made it to the first week of summer courses! You’ve no doubt worked very hard over the last two months! We in MTSU Online are so very proud of all you have accomplished and all the achievements we know are still coming in the days and weeks ahead. Know that you have done something amazing that will make a difference in your students’ educational journeys. Engage with them, provide them feedback that supports their learning, and encourage creativity. Students need comfort during this time of change, just as we all do. MTSU Online will continue to offer assistance and support as your classes begin, and we wish you all the best.

**Now for some information for your courses.** The ARCS Model of Motivation Design ([https://www.youtube.com/embed/7z70BF1GbCA](https://www.youtube.com/embed/7z70BF1GbCA)) informs several elements of instructional design, and encompasses four categories of course development and design (Attention, Relevance, Confidence, and Satisfaction) to promote learning and student success.

As your courses begin in the next few days or weeks, have you taken steps to incorporate Attention, Relevance, Confidence, and Satisfaction? After all, small changes can make a large and powerful impact on student success.

If you have questions or need assistance in courses beginning this week or in the ones scheduled for the coming weeks, please reach out to us. We are a safety net for you and you are not in this alone. Be strong, be compassionate, be safe, but most of all be proud of all you have done. See below for a list of upcoming instructional design drop-in sessions with Kim and Tara.

Finally, please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams (Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu) anytime, and be on the lookout for future messages including other useful information. Have a great day!

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Upcoming MTSU Online Instructional Designer Zoom Drop-ins:

**Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Kim Godwin**
Wednesday, May 20, 9:00 AM
Monday, June 1, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 PM
Monday, June 15, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, June 17, 9:00 AM
Monday, June 29, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting: https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/8680531679

**Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Tara Perrin**

Tuesday, May 26, 9:00 AM
Thursday, May 28, 2:00 PM
Tuesday, Jun 9, 9:00 AM
Thursday, Jun 11, 2:00 PM
Tuesday, Jun 23, 9:00 AM
Thursday, Jun 25, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: https://mtsu.zoom.us/j/2115420004

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