

Subject: Looking for resources to improve your remote delivery courses?
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Good Morning, 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.

First things first – a big “thank you” to our all-star instructional design team, **Kim Godwin** and **Tara Perrin**, for all of their support in providing material for these e-mail updates! I am amazed by their levels of knowledge and expertise in instructional design, and I know that many of you have shared great discussions with one or both of them as well. Thanks, Kim and Tara! I also include their upcoming Zoom drop-in sessions below.

This week’s e-mail is designed around the “big picture” – or “how to be the best distance educator that we can be.”

If you haven’t seen it already, take a look at [this online teaching guide](#) assembled by accomplished educator, author, and speaker, Flower Darby, which outlines common distance learning terms; ten essential principles and practices for online teaching; common misperceptions; and how to find additional help/resources.

Among the essential principles and practices explained very well in the linked guide:

- Show up to class
- Be yourself
- Put yourself in their shoes
- Organize course content intuitively
- Add visual appeal
- Explain your expectations
- Scaffold learning activities
- Provide examples
- Make class an inviting and pleasant place
- Commit to continuous improvement

Also – don’t forget about Layne Bryant’s upcoming Zoom Workshop tomorrow, June 24 – Using D2L as a Virtual Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Intelligent Agents! This is an exciting topic with a dynamic and engaging speaker with loads of expertise to share. You can register [here!](#)

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 week!

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Upcoming MTSU Online Instructional Designer Zoom Drop-ins with Kim and Tara:

Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Kim Godwin

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

Thursday, Jun 25, 2:00 PM

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

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