

**Subject:** Looking for resources to improve your distance education courses?  
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Good Afternoon, Colleagues –

Below please find the next installment of MTSU Online’s weekly resources, tools, and tips for distance education. MTSU Online is happy 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 focuses on strategies to foster inclusive teaching and learning environments.**

Thanks to our colleagues at the Association of College & University Educators for this [Inclusive Teaching Practices Toolkit](#), which includes ten inclusive teaching practices (with videos) that can be immediately implemented to benefit both faculty and students in both on-ground and virtual environments. Links are also live below.

1. [Ensure your course reflects a diverse society and world.](#)
2. [Ensure course media are accessible.](#)
3. [Ensure your syllabus sets the tone for diversity and inclusion.](#)
4. [Use inclusive language.](#)
5. [Share your gender pronouns.](#)
6. [Learn and use students’ preferred names.](#)
7. [Engage students in a small-group introductions activity.](#)
8. [Use an interest survey to connect with students.](#)
9. [Offer inclusive office hours.](#)
10. [Set expectations for valuing diverse viewpoints.](#)

Please feel free to contact me or Cindy Adams ([Cindy.Adams@mtsu.edu](mailto: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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**Instructional Design Faculty Drop-Ins with Kim Godwin**

Monday, July 27, 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 AM  
Monday, Aug 10, 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, Aug 12, 9:00 AM  
Monday, Aug 24, 2:00 PM  
Wednesday, Aug 26, 9:00 AM

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

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

Tuesday, Aug 4, 9:00 AM  
Tuesday, Aug 18, 9:00 AM

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

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