

**Accessible On-Line Learning**

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**Welcome**

- Introduce yourself
- Where are you from?
- What do you use for on-line courses?
- What has been your biggest challenge in making on-line courses accessible?

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**Should students with disabilities take on-line courses?**

Pros

- Flexible schedules
- Can be done from anywhere
- Can review material as often as needed
- Asynchronous on-line discussions allow time to construct comments before posting

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Should students with disabilities take on-line courses?

Cons

- Requires self-discipline
- Often more reading
- Lack of live, real-time interaction with instructor and other students

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Why be proactive?

- It's easier and cheaper to make materials accessible at the time of creation.
- Avoids last minute scramble.
- Accessible materials are generally better products for everyone.

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Is Blackboard/WebCT/Other Accessible?

- All major content management systems make efforts toward accessibility. None are perfect.
- Even with a perfect framework, the materials the instructor adds must be accessible, too.
- Some things simply cannot be made accessible and other accommodations must be made.

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### Word and PDFs

Demonstration

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### PowerPoint

Demonstration

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### Audio and Video

- Captions
- Transcripts
- Audio descriptions

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### Chat Rooms

- Screen readers
- Cognitive processing
- Attention deficit
- Mobility disabilities
- Reading level

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### Quizzes and Tests

- Extra time is possible
- Accessibility for screen readers isn't

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### General Web Accessibility

Discussion and examples

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Questions?

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