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OVERVIEW

Course management systems can provide the opportunity for students with physical and sensory disabilities to enroll and excel in online programs. However, if the technology and course management systems do not meet accessibility guidelines, institutions are potentially preventing one in five prospective and current students from being able to succeed in courses and programs.

Join us as we discuss steps for enhancing the education of every student by increasing online course and program accessibility. This session highlights proactive strategies for utilizing Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to address and overcome barriers to learning. Our instructors will also share current and emerging practices being utilized within Drexel University and other institutions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

As a result of this webcast, you will be able to identify and address the online learning needs of disabled students more effectively and to increase accessibility and engagement in and outside of the online classroom.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This webcast is most appropriate for instructional designers and academic leaders who are interested in increasing accessibility and support for students with disabilities.

AGENDA

- Defining "disability" from medical and sociopolitical model perspectives
- Why the accommodations process does not sufficiently address all accessibility issues
- Using Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for accessibility at Drexel and other institutions
- Ensuring online access and engagement of students with sensory (i.e. blindness or deafness) and physical disabilities
- · Personalizing the online experience
 - · Instruction from matriculation
 - Student orientation
 - · Online first-year student experience
- Resources
 - · Checklist of student access and engagement in courses, assignments, and online events
 - Faculty strategies for developing courses and programs that integrate UDL principles

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INSTRUCTORS



Kristen Betts, Associate Clinical Professor, School of Education's Higher Education Program, Drexel University Kristen's expertise is centered on the recruitment, engagement, and retention of online/blended students and faculty. She is the founding director of the Master of Science in Higher Education (MSHE) Program at Drexel and is the coordinator for student engagement and faculty development initiatives. In 2008, the MSHE Program received the Best Practices Award in

Distance Learning Programming from the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA). In 2009, she was named as one of Drexel University's award recipients for Outstanding Online Instructor. Kristen is currently serving as the chair on the subcommittee for Research on Academic Advising for Online Education, which is associated with the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).



Jeanette Dugger, Director of the Office of Disability Services (ODS) and 504/ADA Compliance Officer, Drexel University Jenny is focused on enhancing ODS procedures, accommodations, services, and the climate of Drexel University. A great deal of her time is spent educating the campus community on ODS policies and procedures, compliance with disability-specific legislation, and matters of disability awareness. Jenny works with all faculty and staff who have disabilities. Additionally, she works with students who have disabilities, but most closely with students who work through the appeal process within ODS.

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