Introduction to Canvas at CONHI

Across the 2018 – 2019 academic year, all courses at Arizona State University will be migrating to a new learning management system (LMS) known as Canvas. Canvas is a user-friendly and feature-rich system that supports distribution of course materials, learning activities, collaboration, communication, and assessments.

The College of Nursing and Health Innovation, Academic Innovation (AI) team will work closely with faculty throughout the migration process. This handout provides some instructor resources and a basic overview of the template that CONHI is adopting for all courses in Canvas. This template includes:

- A standardized layout and navigation structure
- CONHI-specific instructor and student resources
- Alignment to key design quality standards as defined by the Quality Matters Higher Education Rubric, Fifth Edition

Instructor Resources and Workshops

About ASU’s Learning Management System Migration:
https://lms.asu.edu/content/lms-migration

ASU Canvas Training:
https://lms.asu.edu/content/training

Canvas for Instructors – ASU Knowledge Base:
http://links.asu.edu/canvas-for-instructors

Canvas Community Instructor Guide:

Instructor Frequently Asked Questions

Does Canvas work the same way as Blackboard?
The basic functions and features are comparable. Canvas offers some new tools such as attendance tracking, streamlined course section management, and seamless Google Drive integration.

When will my course(s) be migrated to Canvas?
Please check in with your CONHI program director and/or course coordinator. The AI team will be migrating many courses in batches in relation to the common sequences in which students take them within their program. Once a course has been scheduled and confirmed for migration, one of the AI instructional designers will contact you to begin the process.

Will all my instructional materials such as videos and narrated lectures work in Canvas?
Yes. All common multimedia formats such as streaming videos (YouTube, Vimeo, MediaAmp), narrated lectures (Adobe Presenter, Camtasia Relay, Camtasia Studio), and interactive package files (Articulate Storyline, Softchalk) function normally within Canvas.

What resources are available for students?
There are many useful resources built directly into the “Help” section of the Canvas navigation menu. AI has also prepared a brief “Canvas for Students – Frequently Asked Questions” document, which is available for link or download on the CONHI Hub:
https://conhi.asu.edu/sites/default/files/canvas_student_faq.pdf
Students may also choose to review tutorials on the Canvas Community website:
https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701
Overview of the CONHI Template

The template includes six sections on the home page that are specific to CONHI and can be updated to reflect your unique course:

1. Course Syllabus
2. Course Schedule
3. Faculty Information
4. Course Welcome (placeholder text may be replaced or updated)
5. Technology Support (publish/hide specific technology support pages for tools in use)
6. Week Buttons (may be updated to reflect 7.5 week courses or varied labeling conventions)

Also please note that in the “Modules” section, there is an instructor page with links to the following resources:

- CONHI Syllabus Templates
- CONHI Course Banners