Magna Digital Library 2023 Featured Programs for Faculty

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Have a faculty member that's not sure where to start? Check out our featured programs of 2023 that you can find in your Magna Digital Library subscription that are musts for faculty! These are just a handful of programs that we are most excited about that reside in your subscription. Make sure your faculty are viewing these programs!

MONTH	NAME OF FEATURED PROGRAM
January	The Discussion Board and Beyond: How Can I Engage Students Online? This 20-Minute Mentor shows you how to overcome common challenges of online discussion boards while examining other options for engagement both by using the learning management system (LMS) and engaging students outside of the online classroom.
February	Backward Design: Aligning Outcomes to Activities and Assessments The best courses start with the end in mind. What will students learn or be able to do by the end of this class? This Magna Online Seminar helps you organize your workflow and equips you with the tools to line up your course learning elements with your student learning outcomes.
March	How Can I Reach and Teach Struggling Students? For teachers whose students are struggling to keep up with course content, pace, and assignments, this 20- Minute Mentor provides effective strategies for engaging students, assessing progress and comprehension, and promoting a growth mindset.
April	Contemplative Pedagogy for Purposeful Teaching For faculty who are frustrated with the rapid, "get-it-done" pivot to remote instruction, this Magna Online Seminar provides strategies and tactics to immediately incorporate contemplative pedagogy into your teaching practice to provide more meaningful instruction and interactions.
May	How Can Students Use Self-Compassion to Reduce Test Anxiety? Sometimes students get in their own way. They panic before exams and fill their heads with worries about failure. This program shows you how to help your students reframe the way they look at their exams and themselves. When they learn to love themselves a little more, they will fear exams a little less.
June	Understanding Open Educational Resources (OER): A Powerful Solution for Both Faculty and Students Open Educational Resources (OER) are high quality teaching and learning materials that have been licensed to be freely reused and remixed. Including textbooks, games, simulations, quizzes, and even full courses, OER offer a cost effective and flexible alternative to costly course materials. You'll be able to combat the rising cost of textbooks while making a greater impact on student success!
July	What Is Ungrading and How Can It Unleash Your Students' Potential? Get practical tips for how ungrading can be brought to any classroom and how to get started while learning how ungrading takes the pressure away from high-stakes exams and instead creates a pathway for learning throughout the semester based on performance, feedback, and demonstrated growth.
August	Facilitate Deep Learning and Student Engagement through Socratic Questioning You'll view and analyze effective and ineffective examples of Socratic questioning, so you can continue to support student learning through useful questioning techniques and avoid questions that stifle student inquiry and thinking.



September	What Are 9 Practical Steps to Implement Mastery Learning? For teachers who want to increase student learning by applying mastery learning in their courses, this 20- Minute Mentor explains how mastery learning improves student success, how instructors can apply it without dramatically increasing their workload, and how technology can be an asset and time saver if using this method.
October	On-the-fly Assessment Strategies for the Active Learning Classroom If you are hoping to assess student learning in real time in order to improve learning outcomes and student engagement, this Magna Online Seminar offers more than 10 specific techniques for doing so, explained in detail, with examples of how to use each in the classroom.
November	How Can I Help Students Who Are Struggling with Online Learning? For online teachers who are struggling with students who are not succeeding in online courses and need support, this 20-Minute Mentor details an array of easy-to-use strategies that will have a big impact on student success.
December	Using Humor to Engage Students in the Classroom For teaching professors who are faced with student apathy or lack of engagement, this Magna Online Seminar provides a strategy based on humor that not only increases student engagement, but also contributes to students' improved recall, comprehension, and satisfaction.

