



Feedback and Practice

Workshop Summary

Delivering effective feedback is obviously crucial to your students' development of skills and knowledge and is particularly important for creating a sense of instructor presence in online courses. But how can you know that your feedback is helpful, and in the service of your learning objectives? How do you ensure that students have adequate opportunities to implement recommendations you provide them in your feedback? And, perhaps most importantly, how can you maximize the impact of your feedback while minimizing your time spent grading? In our session, we'll address all of these questions and more.

Session Information

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Date/Time	18 April 2018, 1:00-2:00 pm ET
Sign-Up Form	https://www.jotform.com/learninghouse/workshops-2018
Session URL	http://thelearninghouse.adobeconnect.com/fd-feedback-1804/
Audio	While visuals will be handled through your web browser, audio for the workshop may be done either via phone or your computer's microphone and speakers. If you wish to use your phone, use the following call-in information: Number: (888) 619-1583 Passcode: 712 743 4023
Recommended Reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement in Online Courses (1,568 words) 2. Holding Synchronous Online Office Hours (615 words) 3. Grading and Providing Feedback: Consistency, Effectiveness, and Fairness (761 words) 4. The Benefits of Rubrics (1,325 words)
Instructions	Prior to the live session, please consume the readings listed above. At or just before the start time of the session, click the URL above, sign in as a guest (with your full name), and Adobe Connect will launch in your browser (or in the Adobe Connect application, should you choose to download it).
Technical Requirements	Computer with a web browser Phone OR speakers/microphone attached to computer (for workshop audio) Internet speed of DSL or higher (>512 kbps)





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Prior to the start of the session, please consume the articles below, hosted on our [Center for Teaching and Learning website](#):

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Providing effective feedback is crucial, irrespective of the modality in which you teach. It's arguably more important in online courses, however, given the lack of face-to-face contact that students have with their instructor(s). Why is this? As "[Engagement in Online Courses](#)" illustrates, feedback is a form of engagement – one of the few individualized points of contact between students and instructors in an online course.

Another (perhaps obvious) opportunity for personalized interaction with students is your office hours. "[Holding Synchronous Online Office Hours](#)" provides some best practices on how to utilize this time with your students to maximum effect.

"[Grading and Providing Feedback: Consistency, Effectiveness, and Fairness](#)" covers some high-level tips on how to provide effective feedback to your students, both at the level of your actual comments, as well as the structure of your assessments themselves. And while the article gives a nod to rubrics, "[The Benefits of Rubrics](#)" attempts to make a strong case for their use as an extremely compelling method of providing feedback. We'll address rubrics in a little more detail in the session itself.





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