Small Online Teaching Strategies
That Engage Students and Improve Learning
Ask yourself

What one word describes how you feel about online teaching?
Other people help us be successful
Challenges

Online teaching and learning

Motivation

Why is this important?

Strategies

Small adjustments
Challenges

Online teaching and learning
Understandably anxious
What do we know about online classes?
What we know

Enrollments are increasing about online classes
What we know

Improve access to education about online classes
What we know

Under-prepared students struggle about online classes
What we know

Increase likelihood of dropping out about online classes
What we know about online students
What we know

Need executive functioning skills about online students
What we know about online faculty
What we know

x% agree with increased access about online faculty
What we know

79% agree with increased access about online faculty
What we know

What % think online classes don’t work?

about online faculty
What we know

Almost half think online classes don’t work about online faculty
What we know

x% prefer to teach online about online faculty
What we know

9% prefer to teach online about online faculty
Motivation

Why is this important?
Why should we care?
Why should we care?
Foster connections & community
Ok, but how?
Modified Community of Inquiry Framework
Universal Design for Learning Framework
The power of small changes

Much of what we’ve been doing isn’t serving us well...
Strategies

Small adjustments to make next week
5 minutes

- short learning activities
- Brief interventions

Strategic

- communication with students
- Minor modifications

Doable

- design of course or assignments
- Small adjustments
Surface Backward Design

- Determine final destination
- How will you know if you arrive?
- Plan for the journey
Begin final assessment in Week One
Ask students to reflect on learning objectives
Harness the **Science** of Emotion

- Attention
- Memory
- Motivation
Bring your passion
Convey caring and support
Design for Persistence

Help students develop skills & characteristics
Assign a Goals Contract
Nudge selected students
Help Students Make Connections

“... a vast amount of closet space...”
Activate prior knowledge or experience
Provide the framework
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