

TLPEC TIMES

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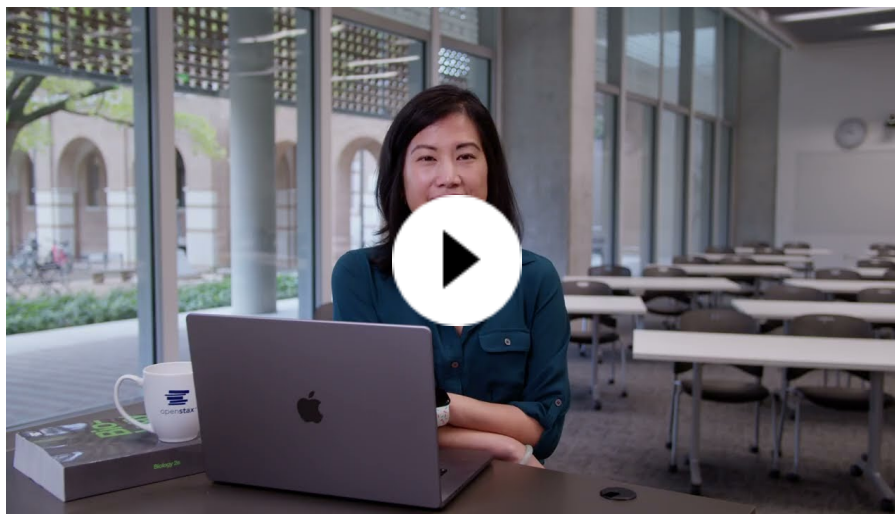
New Integration: OpenStax Assignables!

\$15 Interactive Content Tied to OER Textbook Readings

OpenStax is a publisher of open education resources (OER). Many of their free, online textbooks are connected to interactive learning materials similar to McGraw-Hill's Connect, Cengage MindTap, or Pearson's MyLab. However, **the OpenStax Assignables are very low-cost for the student: currently \$15 per semester**, compared to 10x that price for other publisher packages.

The Assignable materials often contain videos and auto-graded questions directly tied to the readings. You can assign a chapter in Canvas, it will embed within the page, and check for student understanding throughout.

OpenStax Assignables are currently integrated with our instance of Canvas and ready to be used. Just in time if you are considering switching to a more affordable textbook option.



[Visit the OpenStax Assignable website for more information >>](#)

Contact TLPEC if you're ready to start integrating OpenStax.

Spring 2026 Course Materials

Decide Soon and TLPEC Can Help



Textbook and materials adoptions for Spring 2026 are due soon. If you want to move away from costly, one-size-fits-all publisher packages, TLPEC can partner with you to build Canvas-based materials tailored to CSC students. We will help curate or co-develop content, align it clearly with your course learning outcomes, and structure it in accessible, manageable modules you can update anytime.

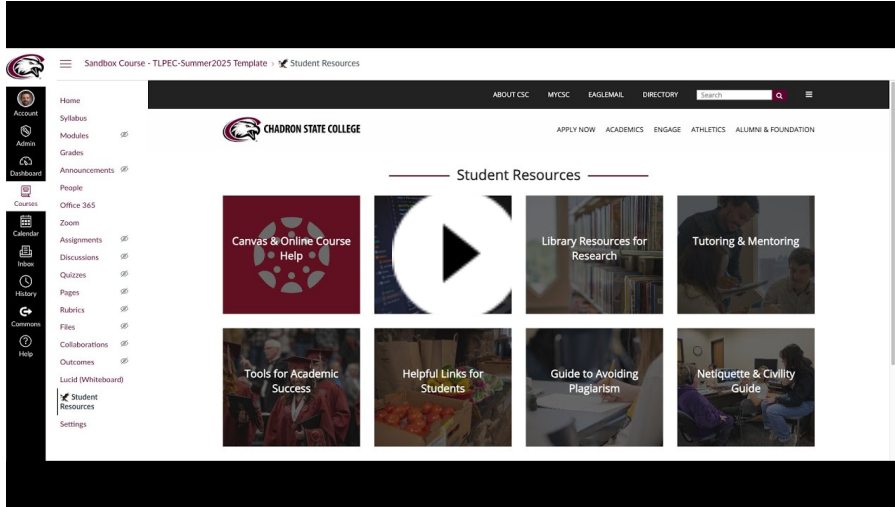
You are the subject matter expert. Our role is to make the build straightforward so you can stay focused on teaching and student engagement.

To have this ready for spring, please contact us soon to get on the schedule: tlpec@csc.edu

Did You Notice the New Course Template?

Last spring, we made some changes to the Canvas template with the goal of making it faster & easier during the course rollover process. **The major change is Student Resources.** Once a redundant module, buried under week 16, its now a ready-to-hand link in Course Navigation that displays dynamic pages from the CSC website. This should make the resources more useful for students, easier for TLPEC to maintain, and **less for instructors to worry about during rollover.**

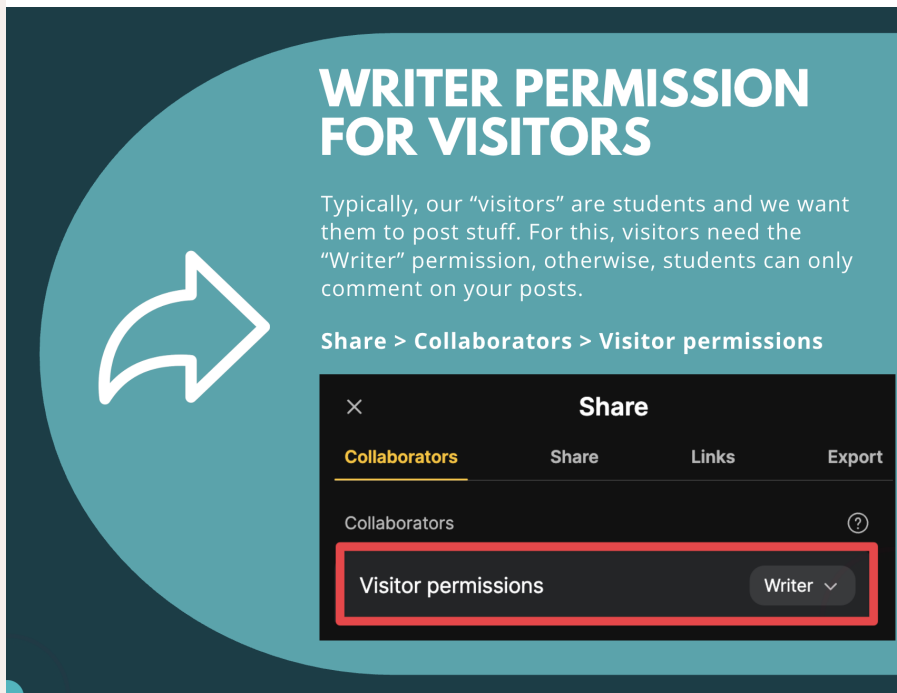
[Watch our video explaining all the latest changes >>](#)



The next template iteration is planned to add a [Course Setup Checklist](#) for those who would like reminders during their rollover process. **What are your thoughts?**

Course Setup Checklist - Draft

Infographic: Easily Missed Settings in Padlet



Padlet creates a mountain of possibilities for online collaboration and interactions. The downside? There's also a deep well of possible settings and they are easy to mix up or miss entirely. If you select a template/recipe, you might be selecting some settings behind-the-scenes that will get in the way of your grand idea.

We've created an infographic to identify the most common Padlet settings that cause issues for instructors and students.

Printable Infographic - Letter Sized

Digital Infographic - Sized for Mobile

If any faculty member would like to begin using Padlet in their courses and doesn't have a CSC provided Padlet account, please contact Heather Crofutt at hcrofutt@csc.edu

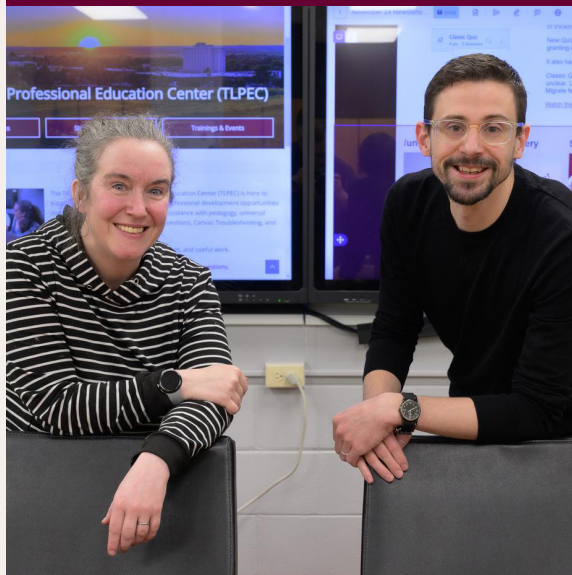


TLPEC has created a dropdown menu of Canvas resources which offers a curated list of answers to questions posed by CSC educators. Below are topics which recently have been brought up by faculty and are important to share with the CSC Canvas community.

Canvas Resource Library



If your students are having problems accessing Zoom recordings in a Canvas course, this tutorial should help guide them.



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