Overview

The Accessibility Fundamentals for Instructors and Course Designers licensed materials package provides ongoing, unlimited access to a fully online course designed to provide participants with a broad knowledge of accessibility issues in educational environments. The course is customizable, professionally developed, and carefully sequenced to provide a path to success for users.

Through a synchronous virtual onboarding meeting, the Blackboard Educational Services Team will work with the organization's master training team to ensure that their implementation plan for the package is designed to meet their program's unique learning, administrative, and user needs.

The package materials are accessed via the Accessibility Fundamentals for Instructors and Course Designers Community of Practice and facilitated from an organization's LMS instance by their master training team. The materials are updated on an annual basis to match the feature and enhancement updates in Blackboard Ally and changes in accessibility standards.

This package is available in English.

About the Course

Participants will learn how disabilities can limit access to electronic instructional materials, and what they can do to make their course content as accessible as possible to the greatest number of learners. Skills learned in this course are not Blackboard-specific and can be applied to materials created and deployed in any LMS.

Course Modules

1. Introduction to Accessibility
2. Types of Disability
3. Assistive Technology
4. Creating More Accessible Materials
5. Evaluating Your Materials

Course Objectives

- Describe and compare the concepts of accessibility, usability, and Universal Design.
- Employ accurate and appropriate terminology when discussing disabilities and accommodations.
- Explore legislative issues regarding accessibility for users with disabilities.
- Describe assistive technologies employed by users with disabilities.
- Identify common barriers to electronic materials access.
- Evaluate the accessibility of various original and sourced materials.
- Incorporate Ally feedback into the materials improvement process.
- Create original documents and multimedia files that exemplify excellent accessibility levels.
- Revise existing materials to increase accessibility.
Package Highlights

- Online training course is available as a facilitated course.
- Synchronous virtual onboarding support session for package implementation planning
- Ongoing package support from the Blackboard Educational Services Team
- Access to the Accessibility Fundamentals for Instructors and Course Designers Community of Practice
- Annual maintenance release

Request a Free Preview

You can view samples of the Accessibility Fundamentals for Instructors and Course Designers course within a free Materials Preview Course. Go to https://trainingcenter.blackboard.com to register. You’ll have access within a few minutes. For additional information, please email materials@blackboard.com.

Annual Subscription

Once you have purchased the Accessibility Fundamentals for Instructors and Course Designers licensed materials solution, the materials are yours to use as many times as you like during your subscription. There is no use limit associated with this solution. Once your order is processed, you will typically receive an email within three business days with access information and an invitation to schedule your implementation session.

Here at Blackboard, we understand the importance of helping organizations support their users continuously. Institutions that subscribe to the solution will be eligible to access the latest release of the materials through the payment of an annual subscription fee. Versions of the solution include materials that have been updated for product functionality, as well as training approaches and learner interactivity. Organizations that license the materials will receive an annual renewal invoice for the subscription fee beginning the second year of their contract.