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Brightspace

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January 2020 End of Support for Internet Explorer

Beginning in October 2019, you will see a warning banner above the navigation bar, if you access Brightspace or D2L via Internet Explorer. Please ensure that you are accessing Brightspace/D2L via the preferred browsers of Chrome or Firefox. Safari and Edge are also supported.

Rubrics Workflow Redesign: Auto-saving and Publishing Workflows

Changes have been made to the Rubrics tool, to unify this core assessment tool and enhance the user experience for both Educators and learners.

Please refer to [New Best Practices in Rubrics Grading](#) for full documentation and screenshots. (New Best Practices in Rubrics Grading, 2019)

Redesigned Quiz Interface

D2L has been hard at work, re-designing the Quiz building interface. Starting in August, you will have the option to test out the new interface when you navigate to Add a new quiz, or to the Question Library.

D2L engineers have redesigned the top four question types (multiple choice, true/false, short answer and written response), as well as sections and question pools (which replaced random sections). You'll notice a new create workflows for those 5 features when you're in a quiz, or the question library, and click the New (question, section, question pool) button. If you're already opted into the new experience, anytime you edit a question/section/question pool, you'll notice the new UI. In January 2020, the new interface will become the default. You are encouraged to Opt-in and start using the new interface.

iSeek Search Tool for the Medical School

New for Fall 2019, Medical School Faculty and Students can now search topics, keywords and objectives from within Medical school courses. The iSeek Search Widget has been added to the Brightspace homepage of all courses offered by the Medical School. To initiate your search, simply key in your topic or objective, then click on the magnifying glass. The iSeek interface will then open in a new tab. You can refine your search using the iViews on the left side of the screen. Conversely, choose your iViews first, then key in your search term to see where it is addressed. [View the search guide.](#)

Anatamage Table

MCW owns 2 Anatamage tables, for use by Faculty, Staff and Students. The table is a

comprehensive 3D visualization tool for education and dynamic presentation. Please contact the [Office of Educational Improvement](#) for more information or a demonstration of the table and available content.