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NEW: ACADICUS VIRTUAL REALITY

A new project for the OEI team is the addition of the Acadicus Virtual Reality platform. This technology makes use of

- Oculus Rift S/ HP Reverb 2 VR Headsets
- Dell, HP and Lenovo laptops equipped with Nvidia Graphic Processors and Display Port inputs
- The Acadicus VR Platform by Arch Virtual for Medical Education

At the present time, the project is working with pre-set VR scenes through the Acadicus VR pro space. The VR platform offers students a space to practice working with patients and practice workflow for medical procedures in the early stages of education.

Interested? Please contact OEI to schedule an appointment for a demo/trial. Demos are done on campus, by request, during regular business hours.

BRIGHTSPACE

September 2021 Release notes

- Updated the following topics to include information about creating new select box grade items in the new assignment creation experience: [Create an assignment using the new create and edit Assignment experience](#) and [Assess assignments with grade schemes](#).
- Updated the [Create assignments and assess submissions](#) topic and [Evaluate and add feedback to assignments](#) topic to replace the list of file types that are supported by the annotation tool in Assignments with a link to the new [File types supported by Annotations](#) topic.
- Added the [File types supported by Annotations](#) topic.
- Added the [Restricted File Extensions](#) topic.
- Added the [Copying and deleting a criterion group](#) topic.
- Added the [Navigating in the Inline Grading Experience](#) topic
- Updated topic: [Adding SCORM objects to Lessons](#).
- Updated topic: [Bulk upload SCORM or xAPI objects to the Content Service](#).
- Added topic: [Pronouns](#).

- Updated the [Components for Import/Export/Copy](#) topic to include the ability to export and import release conditions.
- Updated the [Set up your grade book](#) topic.
- Updated the [Create a grade scheme](#) sub-topic to include more information on the Ranges area.

August 2021 Release notes

- Updated the [Using HTML templates in Lessons](#) topic.
- Added the [Notifications for upcoming due dates](#) topic.
- Updated the [New Assignment Evaluation Experience](#) topic to include information about the Overall Score displaying to enable instructors to evaluate text-only rubrics.
- Updated the [Assessing assignment submissions](#) topic to include a link to How assistive technology interacts with the inline grading experience.
- Updated the [Evaluate and add feedback to assignments](#) topic to include a link to How assistive technology interacts with the inline grading experience.
- Added the [How assistive technology interacts with the inline grading experience](#) topic.
- Updated the [New Assignment Evaluation Experience](#) topic to indicate that it is no longer possible to opt out of the Consistent Evaluation Experience for Assignments.
- Updated the [New Assignment Evaluation Experience](#) topic with information about the attachments toolbar.
- Added topic: [New Discussion Evaluation Experience](#).
- Updated the [Create course content in the new Content experience \(Lessons\)](#) topic.
- Updated the [Organizing course content in Lessons](#) topic.
- Updated the [Navigating in the Lessons interface](#) topic.
- Updated the [Create a new unit](#) topic.
- Updated the [Create material by adding a link](#) topic.
- Updated the [Create a new lesson](#) topic.
- Updated the [What kinds of files can I use with Lessons?](#) topic.
- Updated the [Create new material](#) topic as **External Tool Activity** is no longer an option in the **Create New** menu.
- Updated the [Add Existing material](#) topic.
- Updated the [Using HTML templates in Lessons](#) topic.
- Removed the [Exemptions in Lessons](#) topic.
- Updated the [Set a course timeframe](#) topic.

TOP HAT

Top Hat now offers a [Community](#). This can be an intuitive and effective channel for communication.