

Gertrude C. Ford Center for Teaching and Learning

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EXCITING NEWS

👁️ New Look, Same Mission – Explore Our Updated Site!

We're thrilled to unveil our newly updated [website](#) — designed with you in mind! It's now more accessible, easier to navigate, and packed with everything you need to stay connected with us. Explore the updates and see what's new today!

☀️ What's New?

- 📅 Check out upcoming workshops on our [Events](#) page
- 💬 Schedule a one-on-one [consult](#) with our Instructional Designer
- 🏛️ [Reserve](#) space in the Ford Center with just a few clicks

Save the Date

Faculty Development Day

Jacob Conference Center & Gertrude C. Ford Center
for Teaching and Learning
Tuesday, August 19, 2025



ACUE is Back!

The Gertrude C. Ford Center for Teaching and Learning is proud to announce the renewal of our partnership with ACUE Certification for Educators. This continued collaboration supports our commitment to high-quality, evidence-based teaching practices. We'll share more details as the fall schedule is finalized—stay tuned for updates and opportunities to participate!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Canvas New Quizzes Now Available

Canvas New Quizzes is now available. This exciting update brings new features, enhanced question types, and better data insights to help make assessments even more powerful and flexible.

To support this transition, the Gertrude C. Ford Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a series of hands-on workshops to ensure everyone feels confident and prepared to start using New Quizzes. Whether you're brand new or looking to explore advanced tools, there's something for everyone.

What to Expect:

Each session will include live demos, helpful tips, and opportunities to ask questions. Topics will range from creating your first quiz to using advanced question types, tagging outcomes, and understanding analytics.

Additional Support & Resources:

Faculty are encouraged to visit the New Quizzes Guide and Resource page, available on the [Faculty Resource page](#). Click the New Quizzes link to self-enroll and gain access to step-by-step guides, video walkthroughs, and other helpful materials created just for instructors.

Canvas Summer Workshops

Canvas New Quizzes: Advanced Features

Designed for those ready to take the next step, this session covers advanced question design, the use of item banks, tagging with outcomes, and analyzing quiz data to inform instruction. **Click [here](#) to register for one of the sessions.**

Date: July 9, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://deltastate.zoom.us/j/96090643563?pwd=Y1Rcacgugf6na34yBAYBOu3VuryAPc.1>

Date: July 31, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://deltastate.zoom.us/j/95460089563?pwd=LNz0Heh0MdmREXs5bTsatalis7GA4B.1>

If you are unable to attend, the session will be recorded and posted in the New Quizzes Guide and Resources page, under Additional Resources.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Building the Foundation with Canvas New Quizzes

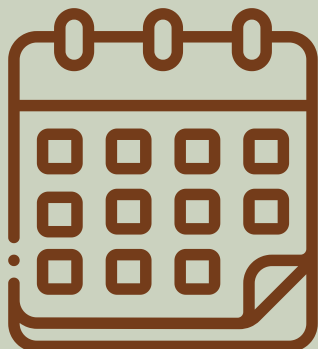
This session provides a clear introduction to Canvas New Quizzes, including how it differs from Classic Quizzes. Faculty will learn how to create a quiz step-by-step, explore each question type, and set up key settings like availability and accommodations. Faculty will also learn how to migrate content from Classic Quizzes. This is a great starting point for anyone looking to feel more confident using this updated tool.

Recordings Available from Previous Sessions - Contact Liza Mayeux
(lmayeux@deltastate.edu)

Creating Outcomes in Canvas

This session is all about building meaningful learning outcomes in Canvas. Faculty will learn how to create and organize outcomes that reflect course objectives or align with institutional standards. These outcomes can be used to track student progress and support standards-based grading. While this session focuses on creation, faculty will see how these outcomes come to life in assessments during the Advanced Features in New Quizzes workshop.

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Stay tuned for the Gertrude C.
Ford Center for Teaching and
Learning's 2025-2026 workshops
& events!

MAIN NEWS

- **Stay connected with MAIN!**
 - [Website](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [X \(Twitter\)](#)
- **Save the date:** MAIN event tentatively scheduled for **July 31**. More details and registration coming soon.
- **State of Mississippi to advance artificial intelligence education, innovation and workforce development with NVIDIA**
 - MAIN thanks Gov. Reeves, AccelerateMS, MDA, and NVIDIA for their partnership in making history with this landmark AI initiative.
 - This MOU will utilize MAIN to expand AI education, strengthen workforce development across sectors, enhance economic growth through AI integration, and promote broad-based engagement, innovation, and research collaborations across Mississippi.
- **Governor Reeves Announces Launch of Mississippi AI Talent Accelerator Program, \$9.1 Million in Grants**
 - Funding supports AI/ML training and research at institutions, led by AccelerateMS, MDA, and AWS.
 - MAIN Director, Dr. Kollin Napier, chairing the new AI Workforce Readiness Council.
- Thank you to The Ricky Mathews Show (SuperTalk) for hosting Dr. Napier to discuss AI and its impact across Mississippi.
- Thank you to MSHIMA for hosting Dr. Napier to explore how AI will support HIM professionals and strengthen the healthcare workforce.
- Thank you to Clinton School District for hosting Dr. Napier to discuss AI integration in K-12 education for teachers and administrators.

MAIN RESOURCES

- Be on the lookout for upcoming AWS and NVIDIA learning opportunities through MAIN.
- **FREE AI Courses for Everyone!** Courses will return after July 1!
- **Explore Cutting-Edge Curriculum with FREE AI Courses:**
 - Applied Math for AI, Data-Centric AI, AI for Computer Vision (CV), Natural Language Processing (NLP), Introduction to Machine Learning (ML), AI for Manufacturing, AI for Cybersecurity, Intro to AI, Intro to GenAI, Applied Ethics for AI, AI for Sustainability
- **MAIN Focus:** Explore practical usage of AI tools: ChatGPT, DeepSeek, MagicSchool AI, Copilot, and more!
- **K-12 Educators!** Earn Up to **6.4 CEUs, 40 SEMI, or 4 OSL Credits** Completely **FREE** with **Intro to AI!**
- **Course Participants:** Earn certificates throughout course and badges for course completion!

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State of Mississippi to advance artificial intelligence education, innovation and workforce development with NVIDIA

C.J. Skelton

5–6 minutes

JACKSON, Miss. – The state of Mississippi has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with NVIDIA to expand AI education, promote research collaboration, enhance workforce development and drive economic development through AI integration.

The signing of this MOU demonstrates Mississippi’s commitment to developing a technologically advanced workforce and positioning the state as a leader in AI and emerging technologies. Through its collaboration with NVIDIA, Mississippi is helping drive innovation across key industries, including agriculture, healthcare, energy and defense.

“This collaboration with NVIDIA is monumental for Mississippi. By expanding AI education, investing in workforce development and encouraging innovation, we, along with NVIDIA, are creating a pathway to dynamic careers in AI and cybersecurity for Mississippians,” said Gov. Tate Reeves. “These are the in-demand jobs of the future—jobs that will change the landscape of our economy for generations to come. AI is here now, and it is here to stay. We are proud to partner with NVIDIA on this game-changing initiative and look forward to the many benefits Mississippians will reap as a result.”

“Our collaboration with the state of Mississippi will prepare students for high-tech jobs in key sectors from healthcare to agriculture, strengthening

Mississippi's talent pipeline and building skills that are needed for the next wave of innovation," said Louis Stewart, Head of Strategic Initiatives for NVIDIA's global developer ecosystem. "Together, we will enhance economic growth through an AI-skilled workforce, advanced research, and industry engagement, positioning Mississippi as a hub for AI-driven transformation to the benefit of its communities."

Objectives of the collaboration include:

- **Expand AI education:** Mississippi will collaborate with NVIDIA and Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN) to introduce cutting-edge AI programs across community colleges, universities and technical institutions. These initiatives will offer certifications, hands-on training and curricula designed to equip students with practical skills in AI, machine learning and data science.
- **Strengthen workforce development across sectors:** The collaboration will develop programs to train educators and provide career pathways for students and professionals. These initiatives will prioritize underserved and rural communities to ensure broad access to AI and cybersecurity training opportunities.
- **Enhance economic growth through AI integration:** Mississippi will leverage NVIDIA's AI expertise to help businesses integrate machine learning and AI solutions into core industries. These efforts aim to boost productivity, resilience and sustainability.
- **Promote broad-based engagement:** To foster a statewide AI ecosystem, the collaboration will include outreach initiatives to involve diverse stakeholders, including small businesses and community organizations.
- **Promote innovation and research collaborations:** The collaboration will help foster joint research projects between MAIN and industry leaders to address emerging challenges in agriculture, healthcare, energy and

security.

“AI is not just the future—it’s the present. By expanding AI education and fostering collaboration between our research institutions, industry leaders and workforce initiatives, we are creating an ecosystem that drives innovation and expands Mississippi’s capabilities in AI and cybersecurity,” said AccelerateMS Executive Director Courtney Taylor, Ph.D. “This collaboration with NVIDIA is another step in equipping Mississippians with the skills necessary to thrive in an increasingly AI-driven economy.”

Mississippi will lead AI-driven economic development initiatives to attract technology-focused businesses and expand research capabilities. The state also will provide funding support for educational infrastructure, digital access and workforce training programs designed to serve economically disadvantaged and rural communities.

NVIDIA will collaborate with Mississippi’s higher education institutions to develop comprehensive AI training programs, integrate NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute resources and provide hands-on learning experiences. NVIDIA also will facilitate access to [teaching kits](#), subject matter experts and certification pathways to support student preparation for careers in AI-related fields.

To learn more about NVIDIA, go to nvidia.com/en-us/.

Video of today’s press conference can be found on [Governor Reeves’ Facebook page](#).

MISSISSIPPI ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NETWORK (MAIN)



FAST FACTS

This snapshot highlights the key achievements of the Mississippi Artificial Intelligence Network (MAIN) in FY2025—showcasing pioneering advancements, educational outreach, and transformative learning impacting thousands across Mississippi.

PIONEERING ADVANCEMENT



The nation's first
statewide AI
initiative

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



ACCELERATE MS

Funded by AccelerateMS
to drive sustainable
growth and development

INDUSTRY COLLABORATION



Innovating with global
technology leaders: Intel,
AWS, NVIDIA and others!

AI LEADERSHIP



MAIN partners with state
agencies, higher ed, K-12, and
industry across Mississippi
to drive AI transformation

OPEN ACCESS

FREE

Free AI courses
on Canvas: accessible
and convenient learning
for everyone

COURSE OFFERINGS



Intro to AI, Intro to GenAI,
AI for Manufacturing,
Applied Ethics for AI, AI for
Cybersecurity and more!

STATEWIDE INNOVATION



Established MAIN AI labs
across higher ed to foster
innovation & equal access

EDUCATION IMPACT



Thousands of higher ed
educators with access
to AI curriculum

WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT

4,500+

Enrolled from all sectors,
driving innovation and
transforming industries

K-12 EMPOWERMENT

3,000+

K-12 educators enrolled,
shaping the next
generation for the future

EARNED ACHIEVEMENT

2,000+

CEUs, SEMIs, and OSLs awarded
to K-12 educators for free,
boosting their credentials

TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING

20,000+

Hours of free AI
education provided to
Mississippi's workforce

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AI Innovation Hub:

Powering the Future with ITS, AWS, and MAIN



Benefits:

Accelerated
Innovation

Workforce
Development

Economic
Growth

Improved
Public
Services

Enhanced
Coordination