**Module 3: Facilitating for connection**

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**Introduction and what you can take away from this module**

Welcome to Module 3! Many of the most essential opportunities for humanizing your virtual course come in the context of teaching it, whether or not you have designed the course yourself. Ideally the design you are working with has been carefully crafted to support the **6 dimensions of significant learning** and creates opportunities for your learners to interact with you, the content, and one another (as outlined in **Module 1**). This might not be the case, however, for many reasons, for instance:

* you may not be the course author and can’t make changes to the course design,
* you are unable to revise the design of your course right now, or
* it is already the first week of term and you and your learners are already feeling isolated and disconnected and you are looking for some tips (fast!).

The good news is, there are many ways you can humanize and enhance learning through virtual course delivery and facilitation strategies, outlined in this module.

What you can take away from this module

* Strategies to **signal your presence** as an instructor to help humanize your online course.
* A plan to **build a connection** between you and your learners that feels **authentic** to you.
* A few **personalized strategies** you would like to try in the current or next offer of your course and a **schedule** for when you will implement them in term.
* A plan for a **live session** to build community in your course.
* Customized **materials and resources** you can use to humanize your course when teaching during a term offer.

**Content**

All of the content for Module 3 can be found on the Module 3 overview page of the Humanizing Virtual Learning Course Pressbook:

* [3.1 Module overview](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/chapter/module-3-overview/)

**Required activities for certificate of completion**

Throughout the module, you will encounter activities that will help you actively build your own online course. **If you are working towards a credential**, you are required to complete **three** of these activities as evidence of your learning in the course, according to the recommended deadlines outlined in the Course schedule.

This is your course and your learning experience – choose 3 of the **“Reflect and apply”** activities to complete that will be most useful to you, your professional development, and your course. The links below will take you directly to the activity description and instructions in the [Humanizing Virtual Learning](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/) Pressbook where the course content resides.

Complete at **least 3** of the Module 3 **Reflect and apply** activities outlined below:

* [Welcome announcement](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/chapter/3-2-instructor-presence-during-term#Reflect-and-apply-Welcome-announcement)
* [Communication plan](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/chapter/3-2-instructor-presence-during-term#Reflect-and-apply-Communication-plan)
* [Teaching checklist](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/chapter/3-4-supporting-learner-content-interactions-during-term#Reflect-and-apply-Teaching-checklist)
* [Plan a live session](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/humanizinglearningonline/chapter/3-5-synchronous-live-sessions#Reflect-and-apply-Plan-a-live-session)

Once you have completed three or more activities of your choice, **complete the Module 3 Quiz**, indicating which activities you have completed. You will receive a score of 1 for each selection in the quiz.

Modules quizzes are due by the deadline that appears in the Course schedule (if applicable). Quizzes will be available to complete for the duration of the course. You can submit the quiz multiple times, but only your final submission will be graded. Quizzes will be automatically graded and you will see your score when you submit.

* **Module 3 quiz in the LMS**

**Important note: In order to obtain a certificate of completion for this course, you must self-score 3 in each of the 4 module quizzes.**

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