



# September 2020 Newsletter



## Semester Snap Shot

### 3 DE Coaches

Three DE coaches are available every week to answer questions in drop-in office hours. CoA faculty members **Johanna Carranza**, **Maria Guzman**, and **Rich Kaeser** are our coaches this Fall. See the homepage of the [CoA Faculty DE website](#) for the days/times of office hours and the Zoom link to attend.



### 31 Faculty Trained



College of Alameda hosted two cohorts of the Becoming a More Effective Online Educator training. **31 faculty successfully completed** the robust 4-week training this summer on:

- Effective Course Design & Pedagogy
- Regular & Substantive Interaction
- Robust Online Assessment
- Accessibility & Equity

The next training cohort will begin 10/12/20. [Click here for the interest form.](#)

## Fall 2019

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## Fall 2020

63	# of Online Instructors	127
152	# of Online Course Sections	324





## New Canvas Features

- **New Rich Content Editor:** The Rich Content Editor (RCE) in Canvas is scheduled to be upgraded for all users. If you want to start using the new editor now, you can turn it on in any course.
  - [How to Turn On the New RCE](#)
  - [New RCE Canvas Guide](#)
  - [New RCE Video Tutorial](#)
- **Bulk Update Assignment Due Dates:** Canvas now allows users to batch edit assignment due dates. [Tutorial here.](#)
- Visit the [Canvas release notes website](#) for more info.



## Spring 2021 ACCJC Visit

CoA is scheduled to have an ACCJC peer review team visit next Spring during March 1-4, 2021. According to [the team training manual](#), peer reviewers observe no fewer than 15 separate, randomly selected fully online distance education sections but no more than 10% of the total online sections offered in a semester. Reviewers typically look at fully online classes from the semester immediately preceding the visit. For us, that means they'll likely review Fall 2020 courses. Peer reviewers evaluate courses using the institution's own definitions and expectations for **regular and substantive interaction**. Review our [Regular Effective Contact page](#) for definitions and example of this state and federal distance education requirement.