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**Effective instructors use evidence-based inclusive practices that are fundamental to student success.**

### Curriculum / Curricular Alignment
- **Adopt** practices grounded in inclusive curriculum
- **Use** backwards design to align all course content, assignments, and assessments
- **Add an** inclusivity statement to your syllabus
- **Make sure** your syllabus, textbooks, resources, and coursework are accessible to all learners according to the CSU [Accessibility by Design](https://www.csu.edu/about/diversity/equity/accessibility/) website

### Classroom Climate
- **Create an inclusive and welcoming environment**
- **Help students** learn how to communicate equitably and productively with each other
- **Provide opportunities** for students to work with others - and for students to see the value of diverse perspectives
- **Use the appropriate language** when referring to social groups

### Pedagogical Content Knowledge
- **Keep current on issues** of racism/sextism, current racial tensions, and contemporary cultural issues in the United States, especially in relation to your discipline
- **Proactively address** common student misconceptions
- **Assess prior knowledge** of learners; use it to plan/revise class sessions

### Student Motivation
- **Use content and connections** that align with your current group of students’ backgrounds, interests, and reasons for taking the course
- **Make content relevant** to all students’ lives; **clearly link concepts/lessons** to industry, a broader purpose, future classes/activities, or a transferable skill
- **Use varied names** and socio-cultural contexts in stories, test questions, and assignments

### Feedback & Assessment
- **Create rubrics** for assignments, papers, and presentations; share rubrics with students when presenting the assignment
- **Provide structure and guidelines** for student group work and group assignments; guide and reteach skills for productive, inclusive group work
- **Provide transparent** assignment directions; start with this [template](#)
- **Use Classroom Assessment Techniques** to check for understanding and to promote mental retrieval and deep learning; this can be done in residential, hybrid, and online courses
- **Vary assessments:** quizzes, exams, assignments, papers, projects, simulations, and presentations

### Instructional Strategies
- **Use a variety of teaching methods** and modalities (verbal, interactive, Socratic, etc.) that align with learning objectives
- **Incorporate Classroom Assessment Techniques** for individual processing, partner processing, or small group activities in a variety of teaching modalities
- **Use accessible slide presentations, documents, videos, and other course materials**

See [TILT’s Recommended Process for Annual Review of Teaching](#) to learn more about how to utilize this resource
LEVELED CRITERIA & SELF ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

Use this rubric to reflect on your current instructional practices, set a teaching goal, and monitor growth. TILT recommends revisiting this throughout the year to continue to reflect and adjust as you work towards your goal. TILT does not recommend using this as an observation tool or for direct evaluation. See TILT’s Recommended Process for Annual Review of Teaching to learn more about how to utilize this resource.

INCLUSIVE PEDAGOGY DOMAIN

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<td><strong>Inclusive Excellence, Training, and Practice:</strong></td>
<td>Has participated in much training on inclusive excellence in teaching and regularly engages in further reading and reflection.</td>
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<td>Has awareness of student identities in the classroom and uses this knowledge to support student success.</td>
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<td>Successful in mitigating their own and students’ assumptions, biases, and microaggressions in the classroom.</td>
<td>Has awareness of their own and students’ assumptions, biases, and microaggressions in the classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>Inclusive Teaching Practices</strong></td>
<td>Intentionally and actively incorporates inclusive teaching practices in all aspects of the curriculum and the classroom to increase awareness, content knowledge, cognitive sophistication, and sense of community for every individual.</td>
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