



# GENERAL EDUCATION NEWS

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## Seeking Volunteer Instructors for Writing Study

Do you assign a meaningful writing project in a course that serves juniors and seniors? If so, then connect with Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) at the University of Arizona!

During the 2021-22 academic year, UArizona is participating in a wide-reaching assessment of student writing in partnership with Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University.

As part of a statewide working group, Aimee Mapes, Director of Writing Across the Curriculum, and Elaine Marchello, Director of Assessment in General Education, have designed a tri-university assessment of student writing.

The first of its kind for Arizona, this assessment will provide a descriptive account of undergraduate student writing at the three state universities. Our goal is to showcase strengths in student writing while also identifying areas of need to better support writing across the curriculum. We will collect over 700 student writing artifacts this year.



*If you are interested in participating in this Writing Study, then please contact Aimee Mapes, Director of Writing Across the Curriculum: [acmapes@arizona.edu](mailto:acmapes@arizona.edu).*

## New ePortfolio Website!

We are excited to announce the launch of a new ePortfolio website! This website is a great location for resources and presentations about how to incorporate ePortfolios into coursework and student progress.

According to the UA Office of Instruction and Assessment (OIA), ePortfolios are a “way for students to gather, showcase, and reflect on

their learning. As the newest AAC&U high-impact practice, ePortfolios have been identified as helpful for conducting assessment, facilitating reflection, and making connections across assignments and courses.”

Please visit the site by clicking on the headline to this article or by heading directly to: [eportfolio.arizona.edu](http://eportfolio.arizona.edu).

*If you have questions about ePortfolios, then please contact Emily Jo Schwaller, Instructional Technology Coordinator: [emilyjoschwaller@arizona.edu](mailto:emilyjoschwaller@arizona.edu).*

## Upcoming Quick Start Live-Online Dates

Instructors can mark their calendars for the upcoming October offering of the Quick Start Live-Online! The dates for the upcoming Live-Online course are:

- Week 1: Oct. 18-22;
- Week 2: Oct. 25-29,
- Course Proposal Form due: Nov. 1

To register for this October offering or upcoming November and January offerings, please contact Katie Southard: [ksouthard@arizona.edu](mailto:ksouthard@arizona.edu)

The Quick Start programs have been developed especially for instructors seeking to transition their existing courses into the new General Education curriculum. Instructors can choose between two modalities: An asynchronous Self-Paced Quick Start and Quick Start Live-Online.

### GENERAL EDUCATION QUICK START

*Quick Start comes in two modalities: An asynchronous Self-Paced version and a synchronous Live-Online version.*

Instructors interested in submitting a course for consideration for the Fall 2022 semester should register for either modality. Instructors participating in the Self-Paced Quick Start must submit their course proposal forms before the last submission date (Nov. 15) for consideration for Fall 2022. Live-Online participants will have until Jan. 17 for Fall 2022.

Courses submitting for 2023 will have more time.

## Quick Start Workshops!

As mentioned in the article above, Quick Start is offered in two modalities: An asynchronous Self-Paced Quick Start and Quick Start Live-Online.

The Office of General Education is excited to announce the launch of a new workshop series for instructors taking the Self-Paced Quick Start!

Sessions will be offered on a recurring Monday/Wednesday schedule for three weeks in October.

### Crafting Effective and Aligned Course Objectives

*Mondays 11:30AM-12:30PM (AZ time)*  
October 11th  
October 18th  
October 25th

### Helping Students Make Meaning through Signature Assignments

*Wednesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM (AZ time)*  
October 13th  
October 20th  
October 27th

*If you are interested in participating in the Self-Paced Quick Start (QS), QS Live-Online, or QS Workshops, then please contact Katie Southard, Director of Instructional Support: [ksouthard@arizona.edu](mailto:ksouthard@arizona.edu).*

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