

Canvas Accessibility Checker and Content Verification

Use the built-in checker, then complete the checks it cannot perform.

FTCC Canvas Faculty Resource | New Quizzes only | Panopto and Class Collaborate supported | No Canvas Studio

Click Path

Rich Content Editor → Accessibility Checker

Purpose

The Canvas checker identifies selected issues in Rich Content Editor content, but accessibility also depends on files, captions, keyboard use, external tools, and the complete student path.

Steps

1. Run the Canvas Accessibility Checker while editing.
2. Correct heading, image, table, contrast, and link issues it identifies.
3. Check captions and transcripts for Panopto or other media.
4. Review Word, PowerPoint, and PDF files separately.
5. Test keyboard navigation and visible focus.
6. Check mobile and narrow-screen readability.
7. Use Student View to test links, files, modules, and activities.

Verify

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| ☐ Checker issues are resolved. | ☐ Images have appropriate alternatives. |
| ☐ Video is captioned. | ☐ Documents are accessible. |
| ☐ Keyboard path works. | ☐ No information depends on color alone. |

Watch For

- Passing the Canvas checker is not a full accessibility audit.
- Auto-generated captions require review.
- An accessible Canvas page can still link to an inaccessible document.

Primary Sources

Instructure Accessibility resources: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Accessibility/ct-p/accessibility>

W3C WCAG overview: <https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/>