



Learning Partners (LP) Program Overview

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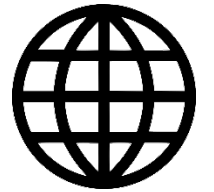
- 2024 Course Planning Deadlines
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- Deadlines again – *super important!*

2024 Course Planning Deadlines

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Learning Partners Webpage

[Visit our Learning Partners Webpage](#) anytime to locate...



- An overview of the Learning Partner's Program
- Details on the Course Development Process
- A link to this slide deck
- The official Course Planning Checklist
- Other resources to help you take your course from concept to delivery, and beyond!





2024: What's **New?**



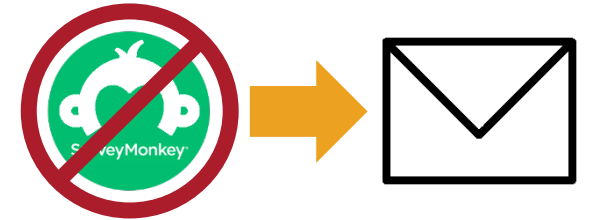
Course Planning Form Update



Course Planning Form Update

GREAT NEWS!

- For 2024 Course Planning, you will ***no longer required*** to complete a Course Planning Form in Survey Monkey.



New Way to Submit Course Information:

- You will find a **Course Planning Checklist** included in the email with this slide deck (*also hyperlinked*).
 - Use this checklist to gather the items you'll need to submit to us to get your course **operationally ready & live for registration**.
 - Once you have all items on the checklist gathered & prepped, send everything over in an email to OrganizationalDevelopment@cityofmadison.com with a subject line including the words "2024 Course: Course Title".
 - We ask that you send a **separate email** for each individual course.
 - You'll receive a confirmation email once received.
 - Expect proofing email(s) for each course as we begin to build them out – *this is for you to review the course webpage(s) and registration webpage(s) prior to going fully live for folks to register.*



Course Date & Scheduling Update

OD Coordinator



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Course Materials Requirements



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New Requirement for Each Course Webpage:

- To maintain consistency across Organizational Development Course webpages and to ensure our courses are accessible to all, **PDF versions of your completed course materials are now required to be posted on course webpages.**
 - *This includes:*
 - Slide Decks** – *Presenter notes do not need to be included in the PDF version for posting.*
 - Learner Workbooks**
 - Any other **document** and/or **resource** used in the course. *(These are not limited to PDF's).*
 - Having access to materials ahead of time can greatly improve the experience of our learners with access needs.
- Completed course materials should be sent to Organizational Development **at least 7 (seven) days prior to your course** so we have enough time to post them for folks to access.



NEW Toolkits & Resources

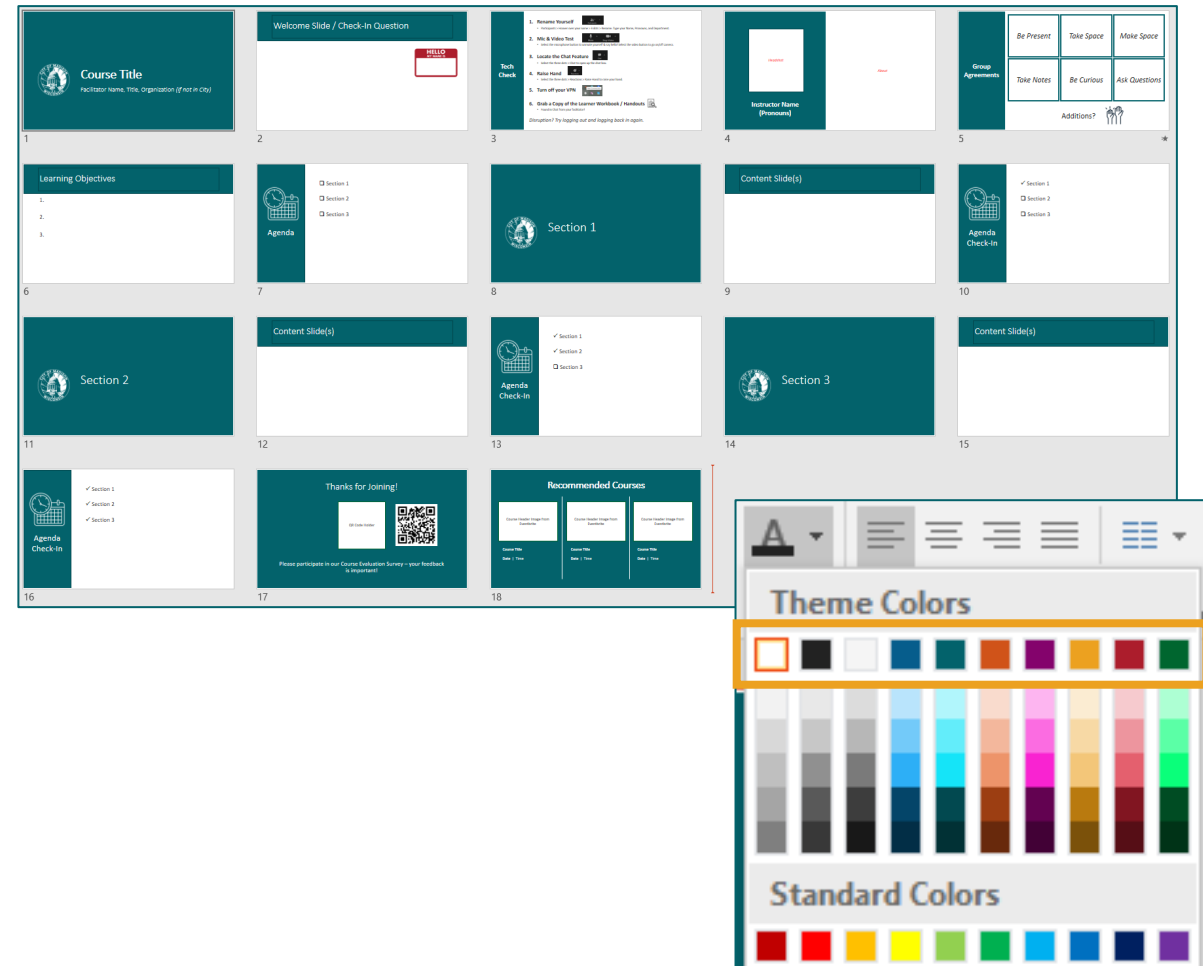


LP Toolkit: Slide Decks

Looking for examples of how to layout your Slide Deck? View our recently updated [Decisions Course Page](#) and [VBL Course Page](#) for ideas.

Slide Deck Template

- You can find this in the [Course Building Toolkit](#)
- The City of Madison's Brand Style Guide colors are pre-loaded into this template.
- Standard slides pre-loaded:
 - Introductions
 - Tech-Check
 - Instructor Introduction
 - Group Agreements
 - Learning Objectives
 - Agenda
 - Sections
 - Agenda Check-In's
 - Course Evaluation + QR Code
- **Reminder:** A PDF version of completed slide decks will be required to be posted on course pages going forward, as this greatly helps our learners with access needs.





LP Toolkit: Learner Workbooks

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- Use this template to create a **workbook for learners to synthesize what you're teaching them in your course.**
- Standard slides pre-loaded:
 - Blank Page + Header for Topics
 - Fill-in-the-Blanks + Notes Section
 - Resources & Support Table at the End
- Reminder:** A PDF version of completed learner materials will be required to be posted on course pages going forward, as this greatly helps our learners with access needs.
- Also Note:** Organizational Development is available to assist with creating fillable versions of your learner workbooks – reach out to the OD inbox to request this support!

Slide 1: Title page featuring the City of Madison logo and the text "Course Title Learner Workbook".

Slide 2: "Workbook Topic 1" with a "TIPS" section: "Include fill-in-the-blanks, use write-it-down boxes, etc. for live synthesis while learning." and "Utilize the same images and icons as in your slide deck to ensure clear connection of subjects." Below is a "Notes" box.

Slide 3: "Workbook Topic 2" with three "Notes" boxes, each preceded by a "Header" and "Content + fill-in-the-blanks for learner to write in as they learn" instruction.

Slide 4: "Workbook Topic 3" with three "Notes" boxes, each preceded by a "Header" and "Content + fill-in-the-blanks for learner to write in as they learn" instruction.

Slide 5: "Resources & Support" section with a table for resources. The table has columns for "Category" and "Topic Title (hyperlink)".



LP Toolkit: Icon Library

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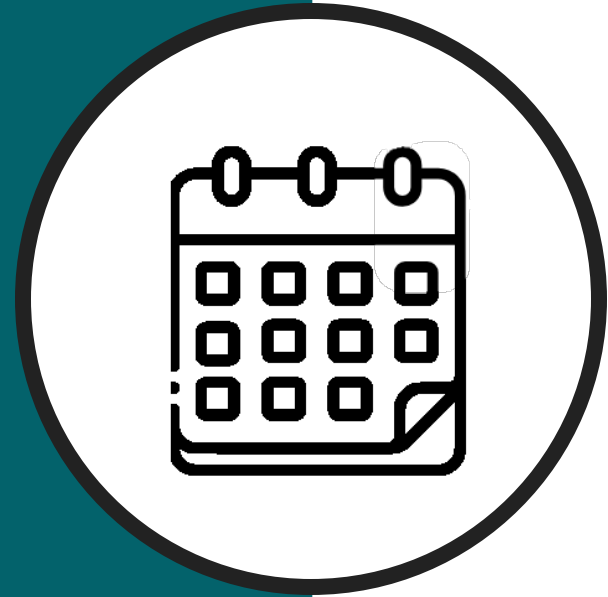
- You can find this in the [Course Building Toolkit](#)
- Use this library as a one-stop-shop for finding icons to add to your Slide Decks and Learner Workbooks.
- Visuals like simple icons can help encourage learners make associations between pieces of information, soak up chunks of course content quickly, and function as a memory aid.
- They also add visual interest and an aspect of fun to your content 😊
 - *Icons found here are formatted with Alt-Text, which should carry through to your documents when copied & pasted.*

The collage consists of several panels:

- Icon Library Intro:** Explains how to use icons in presentations and documents, and how to copy and paste them.
- Reminders for When You Use Icons/Images:** Lists key reminders such as using alt-text, ensuring icons are visible, and using the alt-text field in the software.
- Alternative Text (Alt Text) Background:** Explains the importance of alt-text for accessibility and how it is used by screen readers.
- Alternative Text (Alt Text) in Microsoft 365 Products:** Provides step-by-step instructions for adding alt-text to images in Word, PowerPoint, and OneDrive.
- How to Change Icon Color:** Shows how to use the alt-text field to change the color of icons in presentations.
- Grids of Icons:** Displays various icons from the library, including social media icons (Instagram, Facebook, TED), educational icons (books, charts, people), and general utility icons (gears, arrows, question marks).



2024 Course Development Process



1. Coordinate with OD on Dates!

OD Coordinator



Coordinating with OD on Dates

This is important, so just repeating the same information as earlier from the “What’s New” section:

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2. Build / Review Your Course Curriculum

L+D Specialist / OD Manager



Learning Partner Roles & Responsibilities

- **Learning Partner** = *Subject Matter Expert*
 - Content
 - Topics
 - Lessons

- **Learning + Development Specialist** = *Subject Matter Expert for Adult Learning Principles and Curriculum Design*
 - Course content/lesson layout & design
 - Engagement + teaching techniques



Curriculum Review Process

- Whether you're building a *NEW* course or *re-vamping* a course you've facilitate in the past, **it's good to have a second set of eyes on your content.**
 - **Remember:** the Learning + Development specialist is here to support you! We encourage Learning Partners to take advantage of this **curriculum support** and **L+D subject matter expertise.**
 - *As you begin to plan your 2024 courses, the OD Manager, Anne Nowak, and OD Coordinator, Emily Jamieson together are here to offer that expertise until the L+D Specialist starts. Recruitment is underway, stay tuned for updates!*
- **What L+D Aspects We'll Consider:**
 - General design of your curriculum
 - Adult learning principles + best practices
 - Facilitation best practices
- **Deadline:** When working with the OD for content review, course materials must be sent to OD at least **four (4) weeks prior to your course date** so there's ample time to review, adjust if needed, and post on the course page before the course date.



3. Getting Your Course Operationally Ready & Live for Registration

OD Coordinator



Course Planning Checklist

- The [Course Planning Checklist](#) is your ultimate guide for gathering the information you need to get your course operationally ready and live for folks to register.
- Once you have everything on this checklist together, send it on over to OrganizationalDevelopment@cityofmadison.com with the words “2024 Course: [Course Title](#)” in the subject line.
- **Remember: IF you intend to host a course in January 2024, the deadline for course materials is December 20, 2023.**

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Course Information

- Course Title and Description – Explain what learners will learn from your class & hook them on the topic.
- Course Summary – A 25-word max summary one-liner for your course's Eventbrite Registration page.
- Three (3) Learning Objectives – Outline exactly what participants should be able to do differently by the end of the course.
- Course Materials – Please send all course materials to OrganizationalDevelopment@cityofmadison.com at least four (4) weeks prior to your course date. Course materials are now required to be posted on course pages for folks to access prior to the course. If changes are made, please send an updated document to OD at least seven (7) days prior to the course.
 - Slide Deck(s)
 - Learner Workbook(s)
 - Any other document or resource you plan on using in the course (Including items like; agendas, outlines, tip-sheets, job aids, pre-work assignments, etc.).
- Other Information
 - Learning Categories
 - Choose a Course Image – This will become the Eventbrite Registration header image and will be used for Course Highlight Emails should additional marketing be needed. If none are submitted, OD will select one for you.
 - Are there any pre-requisite courses?



Facilitator Information

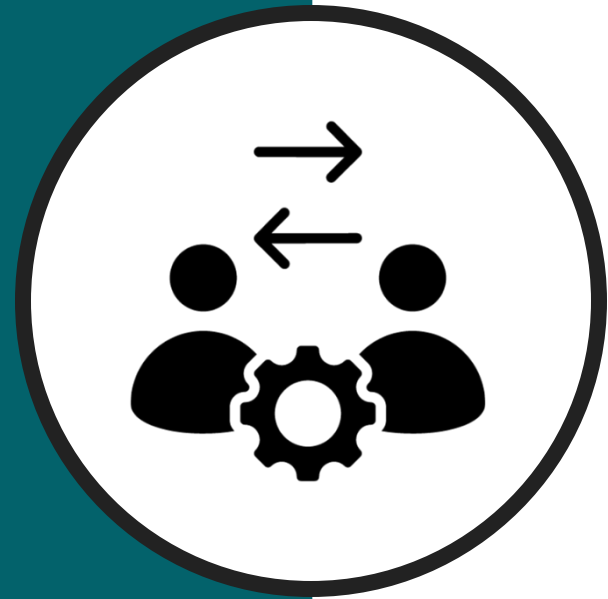
Facilitators (aka Trainers, Teachers, Instructors) lead the session and are responsible for the course's overall success. Moderators provide technical assistance and support to learners and facilitators. If you've facilitated a course with us before, you are likely already on our [Meet Your Instructors](#) webpage. Please review and submit new or updated information as needed.

- Facilitator Contact Info & Bio
- Co-Facilitator/Moderator Contact Info & Bio – if there is one.
 - Requesting OD Support for Course Moderation

Additional Information

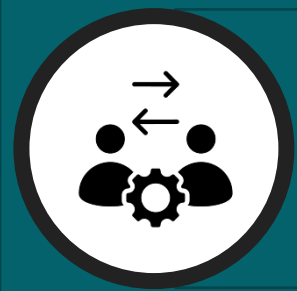
- Targeted Audience(s) - All Employees, Supervisors & Managers, Specific Employee Groups – this helps folks search by target audience in the Course Catalogue online.
- Maximum Number of Learners – Standard options include 12, 24, 40, or 100. Due to registration platform limitations, the max is 100 registrants.
- City Partner Seats – How many seats do you want available to non-City staff? Learn more about our [City Partners Program](#).
- Recurring Zoom Link – OD typically uses their Zoom account for courses on the OD Calendar – this has been best for operations/logistics support, attendance support, and so information is all in one place for folks who reach out to the OD Inbox with questions about how to join. If you prefer to use your own Zoom or your department's Zoom account, please coordinate with OD to ensure meetings are set up properly!

We know that details may change, so just email us at OrganizationalDevelopment@cityofmadison.com with a heads-up.



4. What to Expect as Your Course Date Approaches

Learning Partner & OD Coordinator



What to Expect as Your Course Date Approaches

You can expect all communications to come from the OD Inbox

Course is built & LIVE

6-Weeks out from the Course Date:

- ❑ OD begins to market your course in our Weekly Upcoming Courses emails to All-Email Users (*sent out every Tuesday at 3 PM*).

1-week out from the Course Date:

- ❑ OD will check in again with an updated registration amount, if any new access needs requests came in, and when to expect an attendance sheet to be sent your way.
- ❑ If registration amounts are still low, we can discuss last-minute marketing efforts. This is also when we would consider rescheduling or cancelling.

Day-of the Course:

- ❑ Once we receive the completed attendance sheet, OD will update our attendance records, and send out follow-up emails.
- ❑ A follow-up email for folks who attended is sent out with a thank you and a reminder to complete the Course Evaluation.
- ❑ A follow-up email for folks who no-showed is also sent out with a sorry we missed you message and a link to future course sessions.

3-Weeks out from the Course Date:

- ❑ OD checks-in with you about registration numbers, access needs requests, if additional marketing is needed, and reminds you of what the next steps are.
- ❑ If registration numbers are on the lower end, additional marketing is needed. There are ideas on the [Learning Partners Webpage](#), and OD can create a Course Highlight Email for you to send out to your desired audiences.

2-3 Days out from the Course Date:

- ❑ OD will send an attendance sheet and a reminder about the Course Evaluation your way.
- ❑ You'll notice a column titled "Attended?" – this is where you'll need to mark if someone attended or not. Once your course is done, send the completed attendance sheet back to OD to update our attendance records.
- ❑ The Slide Deck Template includes the current year's Course Evaluation link, but this email is a great reminder to send this out to folks during the course!

The Friday following a Course:

- ❑ OD will send you a summary of the course evaluations received. If you do not receive this the Friday after your course, this may be that the amount of responses received is low, and we're giving folks more time to submit feedback. You can expect this the next Friday if this is the case.





**Remember:
We're Here to
Support You!**



How we offer our support:

- ❑ Curriculum review with L+D Specialist
- ❑ 1:1 meetings with the L+D Specialist for guidance
- ❑ Course materials design support from OD Coordinator
- ❑ Course operations and registration support from OD Coordinator
 - ❑ *Communications and check-ins leading up to your course date(s).*
- ❑ Course moderation support from OD Coordinator
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