

Threshold Concepts Learning Community: Pedagogical Applications for Course Designs

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Threshold concepts can be described as 'learning portals' that transform ways of understanding 'troublesome knowledge' of a subject, discipline, or professional practice (Meyer and Land, 2005). This FLC will examine explanations of threshold concepts through selected articles, curated presentations, and case examples. Building on these explanations, FLC participants will explore and develop applications of threshold concept pedagogy to selected learning activities in courses they teach. This FLC meets in-person bi-weekly at a time to be determined based on participants' schedules and is supported through an ELMS classroom forum.

Helpful Resources on Threshold Concepts

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