

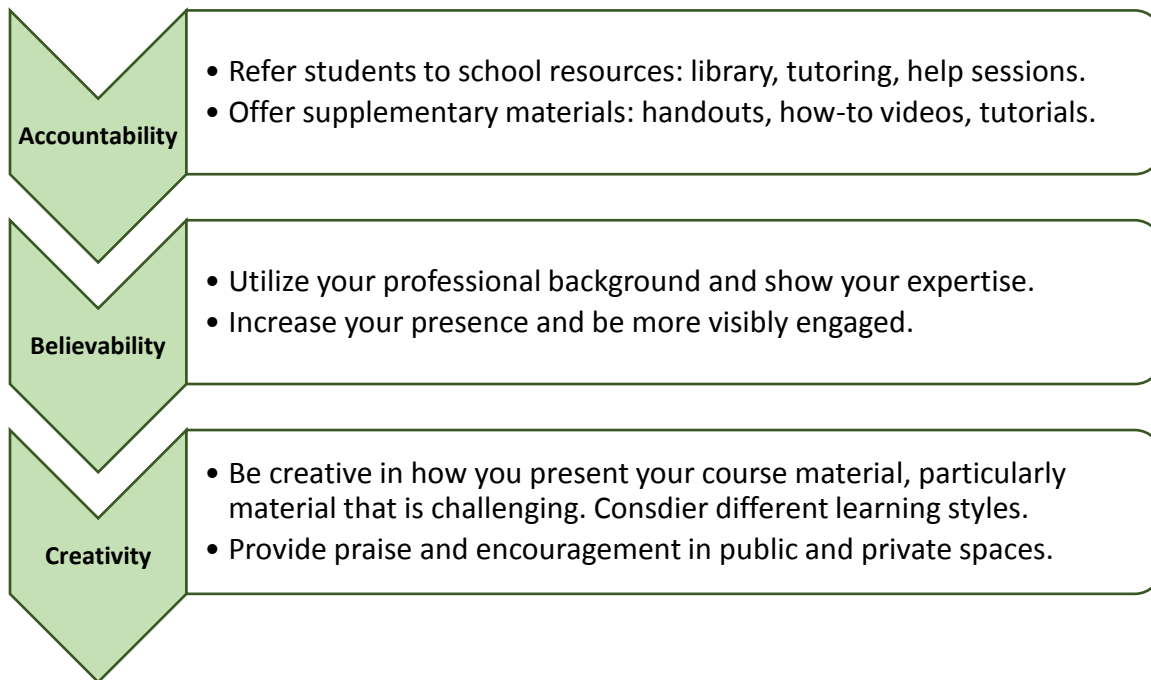
# Teaching the Gap

## Defining the Gap

The gap is anything that hinders students from understanding the knowledge that your course offers. It could be anything from underdeveloped textbook concepts to unclear assignment guidelines. The gap is a missed opportunity where you, the instructor, can fill in and help your students advance to the next step in their learning goals.

## Using the ABCs to Bridge the Gap

The ABC's of teaching the gap are self-assessment criteria that you use to measure if you are effectively providing your students with the tools they need to succeed in your course. Based on your students' performance, questions, or even evaluation comments, you can assess which focus area you may need to strengthen to enhance your instruction.



## Where to Teach the Gap<sup>1</sup>

**Announcements-** Using text or video, explain challenging material, clarify expectations, and offer supplementary materials that address trends you see in students' work.

**Discussion Board-** Comment on common threads you notice. Incorporate your own knowledge based on your wealth of experience. Connect students together if they share similar concerns or discoveries.

**Feedback-** Discuss students strengths and weakness and advise on how to apply feedback to put them in a better position to succeed on upcoming assignments.

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<sup>1</sup> You may have additional areas, like blogs, journal, etc., where you can teach the gap. Tailor your approach to fit your course's needs.