

## Ally – Making online course content accessible

### What is Ally?

- Ally is a tool that integrates seamlessly into Canvas to help faculty create accessible files and fix inaccessible documents and images.
- SBCTC is supporting Ally implementation for all colleges in Washington State.

# **Implementation Plan**

Ally will be available to Bellevue College faculty starting Fall quarter.

- Watch the video created by SBCTC on <u>How to use Ally in Canvas</u>
- Offer online demo sessions and workshops facilitated by our Instructional Designers.
- D140 Walk-in help will be available from 9am 4pm
- 425-564-4210 Telephone assistance will be available from 9am 4pm

## **Faculty View:**

Watch the video on <u>How to use Ally in Canvas</u>

- <u>Identifies files uploaded into Canvas with accessibility issues</u> and includes an explanation of the problem as well as how to resolve it – similar to the accessibility checker in MS Word.
- <u>Identifies the accessibility of various course components</u> with a small gauge that shows green, yellow or red next to reviewed items.
- <u>Accessibility score column</u> will be available for each content item.

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When you click on the gauge, a screen pops up that explains the issue and gives instructions on how to

- fix it. Note Students *CANNOT* see the gauges.
- You will see a very small triangle icon on the right of the filename that, when clicked, opens up a menu of alternative formats you can access (see image below) and download to replace the existing file, making it accessible to all. These formats include Tagged PDF, HTML version, ePub, Electronic Braille and Audio version.
- Enables students to download more accessible versions of documents, on demand, 24 hours per day.
- Generates campus-wide reports that show progress of Accessible content creation/remediation.

## **Student View**

Share with your students a 2 min overview for students on how to use Ally.

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