# The ACCESS Model

Implementing Universal Design Principles in Your Teaching



### **Aware**

- One's own teaching assumptions and preferences
- Diverse student backgrounds and needs
- Teaching practices that might unknowingly reflect personal bias



## **Cultivate**

- Explicit course expectation
- Respectful learning environment
  - Equity-oriented, culturally accepted materials



# **Create**

- Course design for impactful teaching
- Multiple means of representation and accessible materials
- Universally designed teaching strategies and engagement
- Assessments with multiple means of expression



## **Enable**

- A positive classroom climate
- Culturally responsive teaching
  - Language and interactions
  - Discussion of difficult topics



#### Succeed

- Measure impact on student success
- Make changes and revisions
- Do it again!



- Initiate a collaborative community
  - ACCESSible course materials



