

Focus on Accessibility

Teaching & Learning Need - To ensure equitable access to learning for all students

Brightspace Solution - "To deliver a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." D2L has shown a deep commitment to accessibility across the entire platform. Read More at: www.d2l.com/accessibility

Shown below is the **Brightspace Editor** which is available to users across the learning environment. **Instructors** can be certain that all students will have equitable access to Content items, Announcements, or feedback for Assignments & Discussions. **Students** also can be sure that other users will have access to their Discussion posts & replies.

The **Accessibility Checker** allows Instructors to ensure that all students will be able access all text, images, and media

Want to change the **Font colour**? A **built-in colour checker** lets you use a slider to make sure contrast is ok!

The screenshot displays the Brightspace Editor interface. The top toolbar includes a paragraph dropdown, bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), and a highlighted accessibility checker icon (A). Below the toolbar, the text "The Brightspace Editor" is visible. An image of a boat on a lake is shown with the alt text "A view from the front of a boat looking ahead into nature." A color selection dialog is open, showing a color palette, a slider set to 75%, and a color code #8982ff. The dialog also displays contrast information: "Small Text" with a red X and "Small Contrast 3.1:1 / 4.5:1", and "Large Text" with a green checkmark and "Large Contrast 3.1:1 / 3:1".

When inserting images, users are prompted to add **Alternative text**, to ensure accessibility

PRO-TIP: Alt text appears for students using devices where images load slowly or not at all

NOTES: The Brightspace Editor is one of many tools that support equity and inclusion ♦ **Content templates** can provide beautiful layouts that ensure accessibility (e.g. using appropriate header classes for *screen readers*, ensuring appropriate *color contrast*, etc.) ♦ Instructors may provide **Special Access** and **Accommodations** on Quizzes and Assignments ♦ **Mobile-friendly design** allows students to access Brightspace from a desktop or a mobile device and receive a similar experience that has been optimized for their screen size ♦