



Top Tips for Faculty

Take advantage of all the IRIS Center has to offer: Modules, Case Studies, Information Briefs, Activities, Interviews, Evidence-Based Practice Summaries, Video Vignettes, Sample Syllabi, and more!

▶ Modules

- ★ Use Modules in face-to-face, hybrid, or online classes.
- ★ Teach students how to navigate the *STAR Legacy Cycle* by showing the video *Navigating an IRIS STAR Legacy Module* and by doing a Module together as an in-class activity.
- ★ Assign the whole Module or parts of a Module as homework.
- ★ Show students the Module Outline to use for notes and use it yourself to preview the Module.
- ★ Let students know they should expect to spend 1-4 hours on each Module; they can break it up or do it all at once.
- ★ Assign the Module's Assessment questions for credit and follow up with wrap-around resources in the next class session.
- ★ Remind students the IRIS resources are free and available 24/7.

▶ Information Briefs, Activities, Interviews

- ★ Use these additional resources to support college instruction by supplementing textbooks/readings, opening class with attention getters, enhancing class discussions, and supporting class topics.
- ★ Have students present Information Briefs on the class topic.
- ★ Use activities to enhance other IRIS resources, such as Modules and Case Studies.
- ★ Use interviews to allow students to hear more in-depth conversations about hot topics from experts in the field.

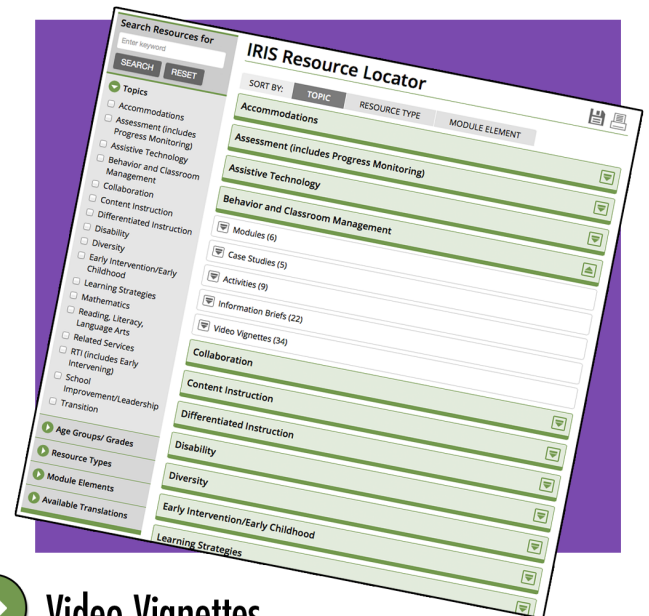
▶ Evidence-Based Practice Summaries

- ★ Explore the IRIS-vetted Evidence-Based Practice Summaries.
- ★ Teach your students to become consumers of research and to understand what makes data reliable and valid.
- ★ Teach your students where to find and how to identify evidence-based practices for use in their teaching.
- ★ Accustom your students to using IRIS-vetted Evidence-Based Practice Summaries instead of broad Internet searches.
- ★ Use the Summaries as handouts to provide more detail about practices described in textbooks.



▶ Case Studies

- ★ Model cooperative learning in your class by grouping students to work on Case Studies, which include scenarios with increasing levels of difficulty.
- ★ Model differentiated instruction by assigning the Case Studies' scenarios to different students based on levels of experience and grade level.
- ★ Use one Case Study scenario with the whole class and build on it by using scenarios with increasing levels of difficulty.
- ★ Use Case Studies to problem solve real-life challenges in field experience.



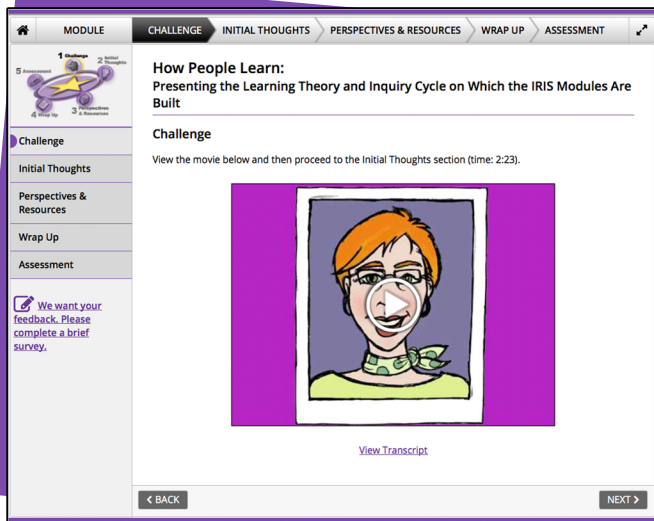
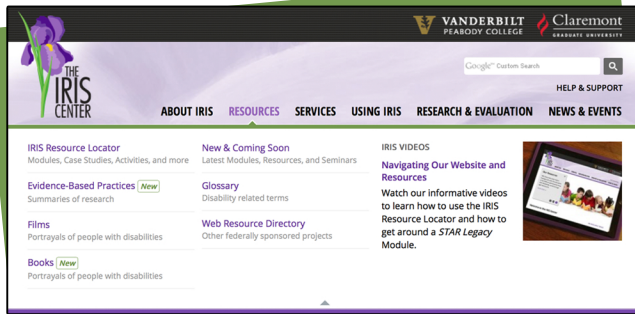
▶ Video Vignettes

- ★ Explore videos on a variety of topics.
- ★ Hear stories of individuals with disabilities and their family members.
- ★ Use videos as a coaching tool to improve field experience.

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Coursework Planning

- ★ Use posted Coursework Planning Forms to integrate IRIS in your classes.
- ★ See how other faculty have used IRIS resources in a variety of courses in Sample Syllabi.
- ★ Get tips from seasoned faculty on grading, assignments, sequence, procedures, and more.



More IRIS Resources

- ★ Watch videos on Navigating the IRIS Website and Navigating the IRIS Resource Locator (IRL).
- ★ Look under the Using IRIS tab for Top Tips for Faculty, Sample Planning Forms, and Manuals & Answer Keys to some of the IRIS resources.
- ★ Find updates to Modules and other resources on both the homepage and in drop-down menus.
- ★ See the Research & Evaluation tab for evidence that IRIS resources do work.
- ★ Teach students to use the IRIS Glossary to define and understand terms and acronyms as an alternative to less-reliable sources.
- ★ Find even more tools in the Web Resource Directory, which links to other federally sponsored projects.
- ★ Explore the IRIS list of films that portray a variety of characters with disabilities.
- ★ Use the IRIS Resource Locator to find available IRIS materials in Spanish.
- ★ Follow IRIS on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Tech Tips

- ★ Expand Module content to full screen for better viewing by clicking the page expander in the upper-right corner of your browser window.
- ★ Show videos in full screen for easier viewing by clicking the full-screen button in the bottom-right of the video clip.
- ★ Add closed-captioning to videos by clicking the CC in the bottom-right of the video clip.
- ★ Find resources quickly under IRIS Resource Topics on the homepage.
- ★ Remind students to update software before using IRIS resources using links to the required software in Help & Support.
- ★ Click on the Help & Support link at the top-right of the page if you need additional assistance.
- ★ Print or save your favorite resources by selecting the printer or disc icon at the top of the page.
- ★ Use your mouse or trackpad to scroll through a page when the scrollbar is not showing.
- ★ Receive training through our online navigation videos, Webinars, and Web Tours, or face-to-face at an IRIS Seminar or Work Session.

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