Universal Design for Instruction (UDI) is an approach to curriculum development that anticipates students’ diverse approaches to learning without compromising academic rigor. While it was originally developed for students with perceptual and learning challenges, practitioners have found that the principles of Universal Design have also helped other students – including those who are culturally and linguistically diverse, have learning disabilities, and experience financial stress -- successfully navigate educational hurdles. In turn, these students are able to more meaningfully engage in class by developing and sharing their ideas, interpretations and perspectives.

In this interactive workshop, Ms. Alicia Brandon M. Ed. (Lead Education Specialist, Associate Professor Landmark College Institute for research and training) will introduce principles of UDI and show how they can be used in our teaching. Participants will leave the workshop with at least one specific action to implement universal design in their teaching.