**Optimizing use of career coaches in a remote classroom setting**

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**Challenges faced in remote setting:**

* + slowing down when speaking online vs in person so students can understand
  + Commitment decreased in some classes

**Ways to effectively engage students:**

* + Make sure students are interacting (asking questions, answering, etc.) - calling out specific students, especially those who haven’t been talking
  + good visual (slides) so students can follow
  + Different technology other than usual PowerPoint
    - Breakout rooms - discussing information, asking questions, etc.
  + Students that were engaged while learning normally had few problems - those who were not engaged since the beginning dropped out more
  + Pre- + post-presentation activities

**Popular College & Career Coach workshops:**

* + Types of Job Interviews was intriguing - exposed to different questions on job interviews
  + Resume Writing - may become more popular due to increased competition
  + Online Interviews - especially critical now
  + Digital Literacy

**What worked well?**

* + Students entering early classes 30+ minutes later → make first ~30 minutes warm up or something like that so students don’t miss too much information
  + Shifting focus onto digital
    - how to do classes/find resources online
    - technical vocabulary
    - Social networking
  + Sharing vocabulary, presentations, etc. from college/career classes with normal ESOL teachers so students can understand more quickly
  + Finding online sources that students can use after presentation to use/practice what they just learned (e.g. learning styles → share website where students can find their learning styles) - keeps students engaged + increases commitment
  + Small mental health checks - asking about life, family, etc.

**Advantages of online learning:**

* + No commuting/easier to schedule → increase of students’ commitment and focus
  + Increase in email responses