

A white MacBook Air laptop is open on a wooden table. To its right is a white coffee cup on a saucer. To its left is a black smartphone and a black notebook with a pen. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.

Heritage speakers in healthcare interpreting: A case study in virtual training

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Objectives:

1. Learn about the unique benefits of a flipped asynchronous learning environment for preparing heritage speakers to enter the field of medical interpreting.

2. Identify the critical elements of this curriculum and how to customize it to students' particular needs.

3. Learn about the frequent challenges encountered in a virtual learning environment for this purpose and strategies for overcoming these challenges.

HERITAGE SPEAKER



Heritage speakers in the US

Definition of heritage speaker

Refers to a person who has learned a language **informally** by being exposed to it at **home** as opposed to having learned it **formally** in a school setting. It may be their **native tongue** – the language they identify as being their **primary language** – but more often than not, their **heritage language** becomes **secondary to English**, the language in which they receive their formal education and is used the most in their **daily life** outside the home. (Language Testing International)





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Staff: Manager, Assistant, x 1 FT Interpreter
Interpreter Training Program
Dual-role interpreters (17 now) and 13 in training

Why I want to be a medical interpreter....



Interpreter Training Timeline



ACTFL
language
proficiency
screening test



3-month
introductory
online class



72-hour on-
site class

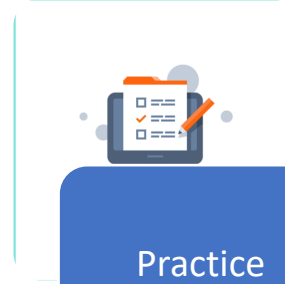
Interpreter Training Timeline



Shadowing
sessions



Preceptorships



Practice
written and
oral tests



National
Certification
test (CCHI)

Time dedication



5 hrs/week

20 hrs/month

60 hr course



Homework Assignments



On-line class, what?!

Objective 1:

Learn about the unique benefits of a flipped asynchronous learning environment for preparing heritage speakers to enter the field of medical interpreting.

What is a flipped classroom?



Synchronous vs. Asynchronous

Synchronous learning: Involves in-classroom and/or online studies. Everyone is learning together at the same time- “real time”. Whether online or in the classroom.



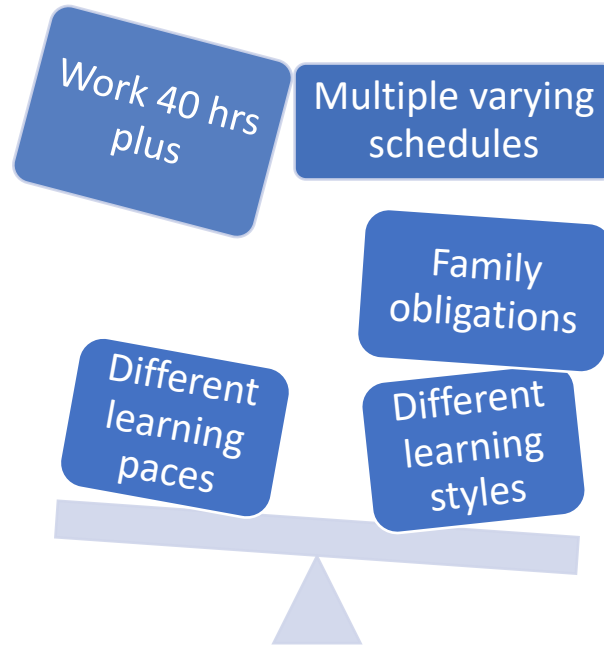
Asynchronous learning: The material is delivered online via web-based platforms, email, online forums, and message boards. Students work at their own pace and on their own time.



BENEFITS OF ASYNCHRONOUS TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTORS



BENEFITS OF ASYNCHRONOUS TRAINING FOR STUDENTS





- Group discussions
- Student can enter platform any time of day or night
- Instructor can respond to student input, questions and assignments
- Students can interact with each other and start building community

Objective 2:

Identify the
critical elements
of this curriculum
and how to
customize it to
students'
particular needs.

A scenic mountain trail with hikers and a large mountain peak in the background. The image shows a dirt path winding through a forest of tall evergreen trees. In the foreground, a hiker with long hair, wearing a blue shirt, light shorts, and a brown backpack, is walking away from the camera. Two other hikers are visible further ahead on the path. The background features a massive, rugged mountain peak with patches of snow or ice, under a clear blue sky. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing a blue rectangular box with white text.

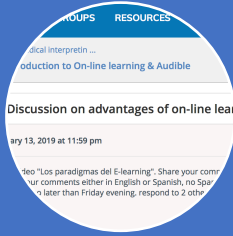
A little tour.....

- <https://app.schoology.com/course/1832609700/materials>

Critical Elements



Videos



Group
Discussions

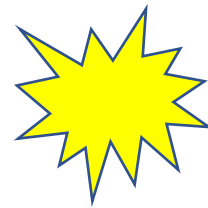
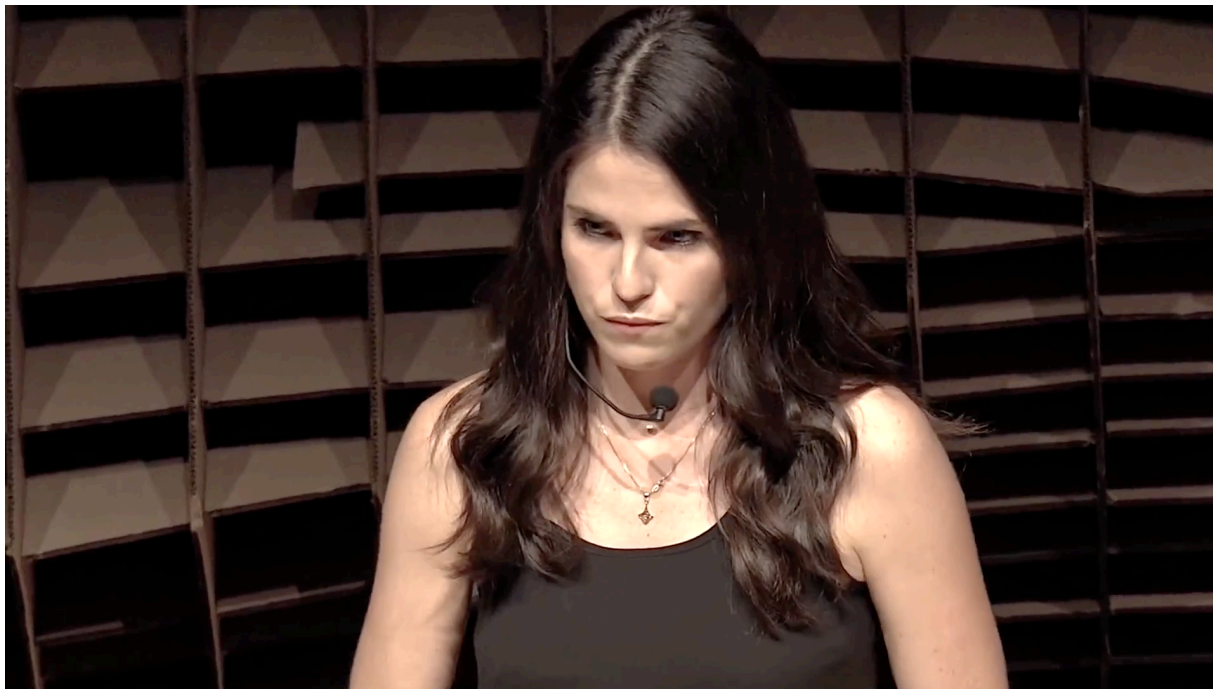
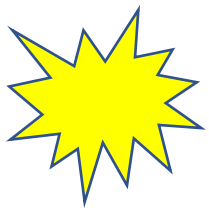


Audible



Podcasts





What I will be incorporating in my journey, including this interpreter program, ... is to persevere and push through all the adversities that pop up ... most of all to put forth the effort and work and not just expect success.

One thing that really inspired me... and that I plan on using in my journey is to learn how to take criticism and not let it set me behind.

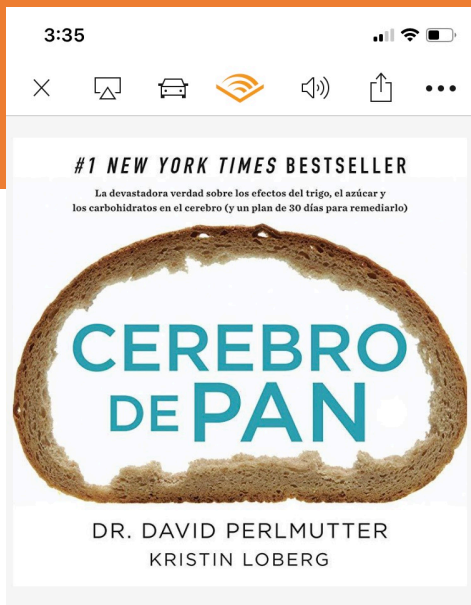
*Tengo que
recordar que
siempre hay
una joya al
final del
camino*

That being said the lesson I will apply in my journey as a medical interpreter is putting devotion and always giving it my all. Karla talks about how her journey was never easy; she is a great example to look back on when times get difficult and remember that we can all make it.

Discussions helped!



Audible



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Capítulo 6

Connect to a Device



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Speed

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Chapters

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Sleep Ti...

🔊
+ Clip



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Capítulo 3

Connect to a Device



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**RADIO
AMBULANTE**

A black silhouette of a person pushing a radio on wheels.

Schoolology Tour

Objective 3:

Learn about the frequent challenges encountered in a virtual learning environment for this purpose and strategies for overcoming these challenges.

LESSONS LEARNED



CHALLENGE

STRATEGY

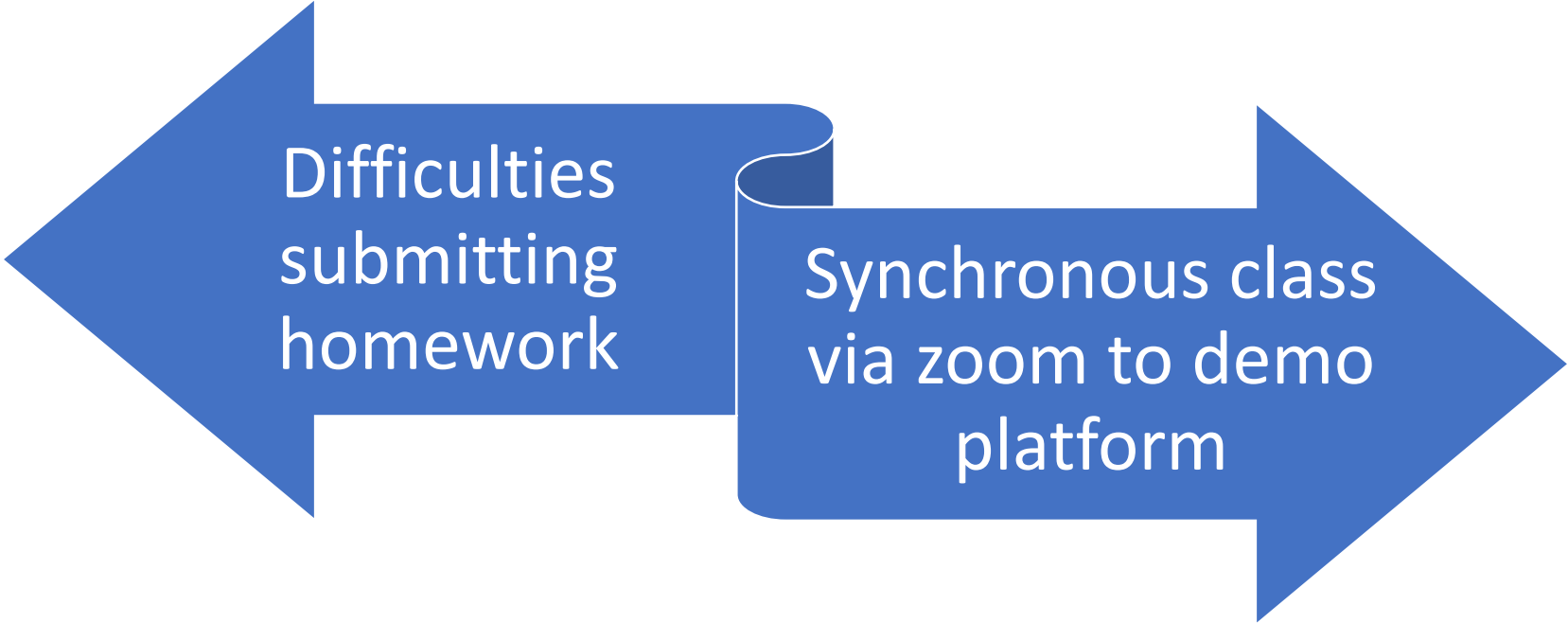


PROCRASTINATION

Assignments: Article on
procrastination & Videos,
assignments on time
management &
accountability

CHALLENGE

STRATEGY



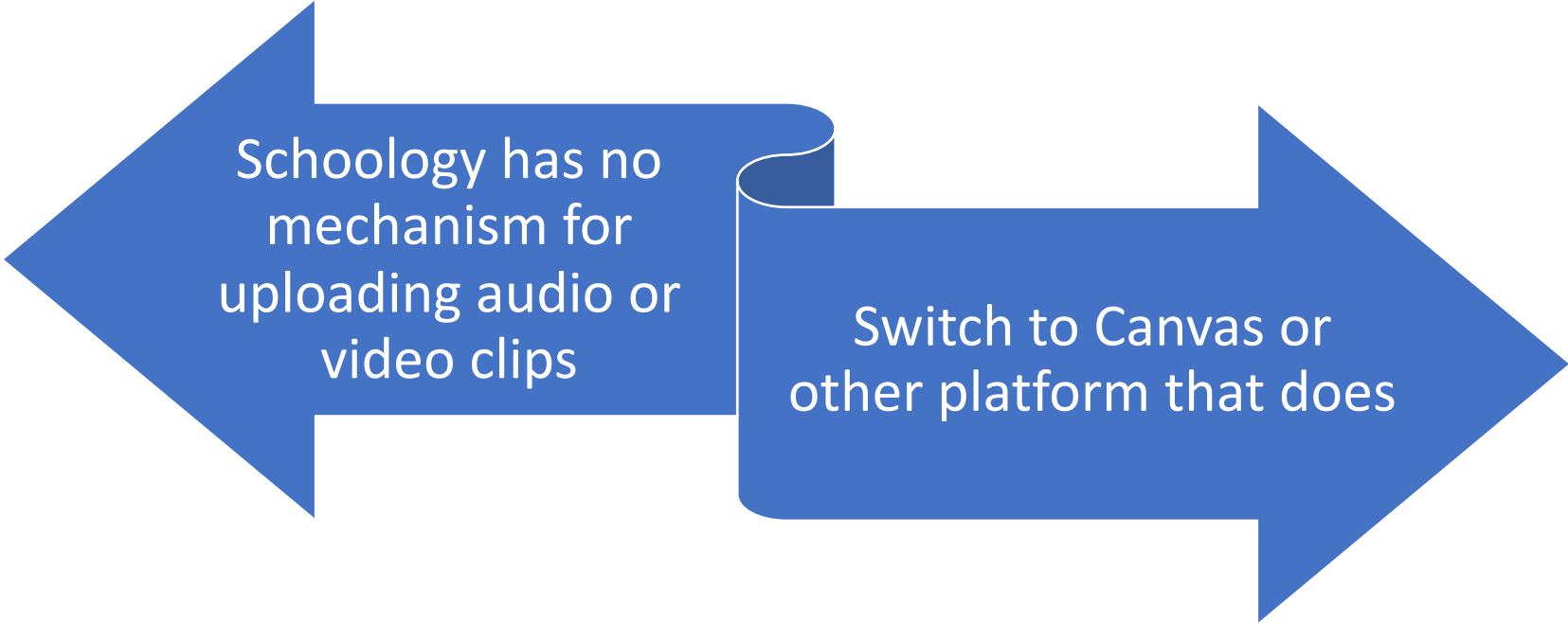
Difficulties
submitting
homework

The diagram consists of two blue arrows pointing in opposite directions, connected by a blue ribbon. The left arrow points left and contains the text 'Difficulties submitting homework'. The right arrow points right and contains the text 'Synchronous class via zoom to demo platform'. The ribbon connects the right side of the left arrow to the left side of the right arrow.

Synchronous class
via zoom to demo
platform

CHALLENGE

STRATEGY

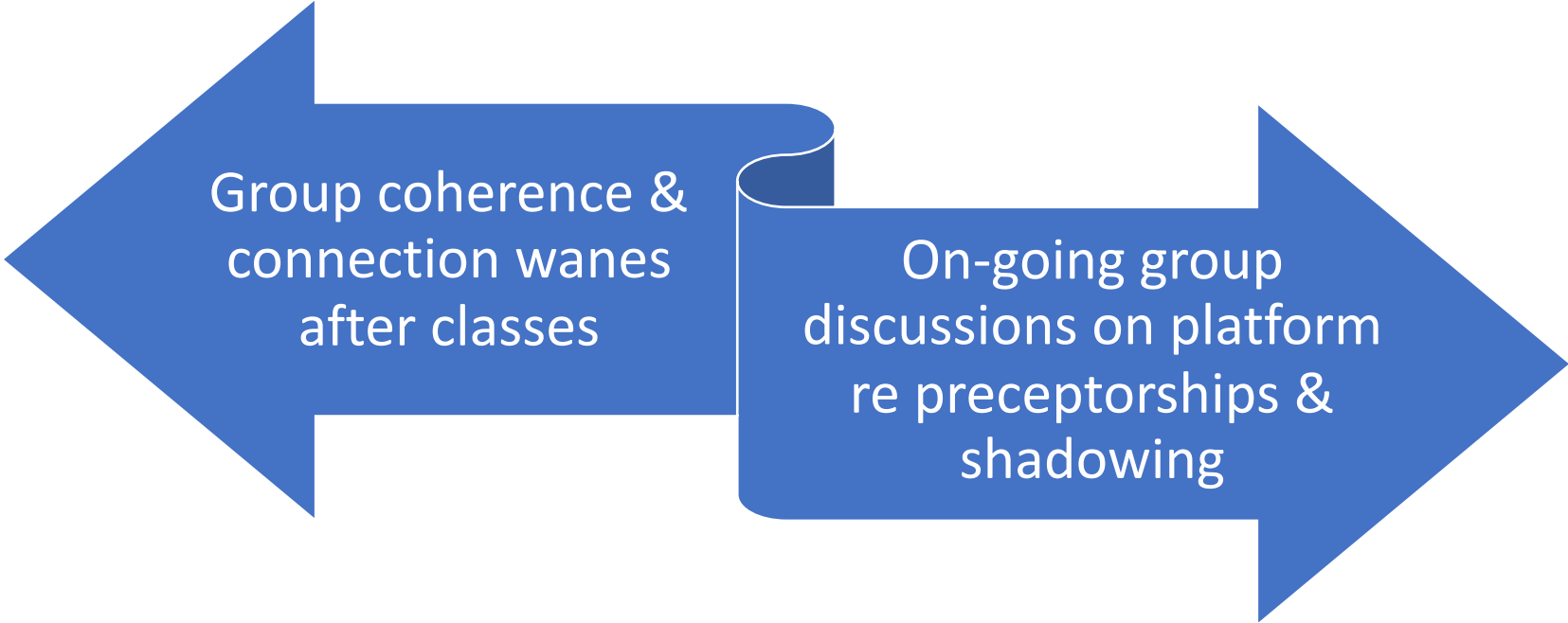


Schoology has no
mechanism for
uploading audio or
video clips

Switch to Canvas or
other platform that does

CHALLENGE

STRATEGY

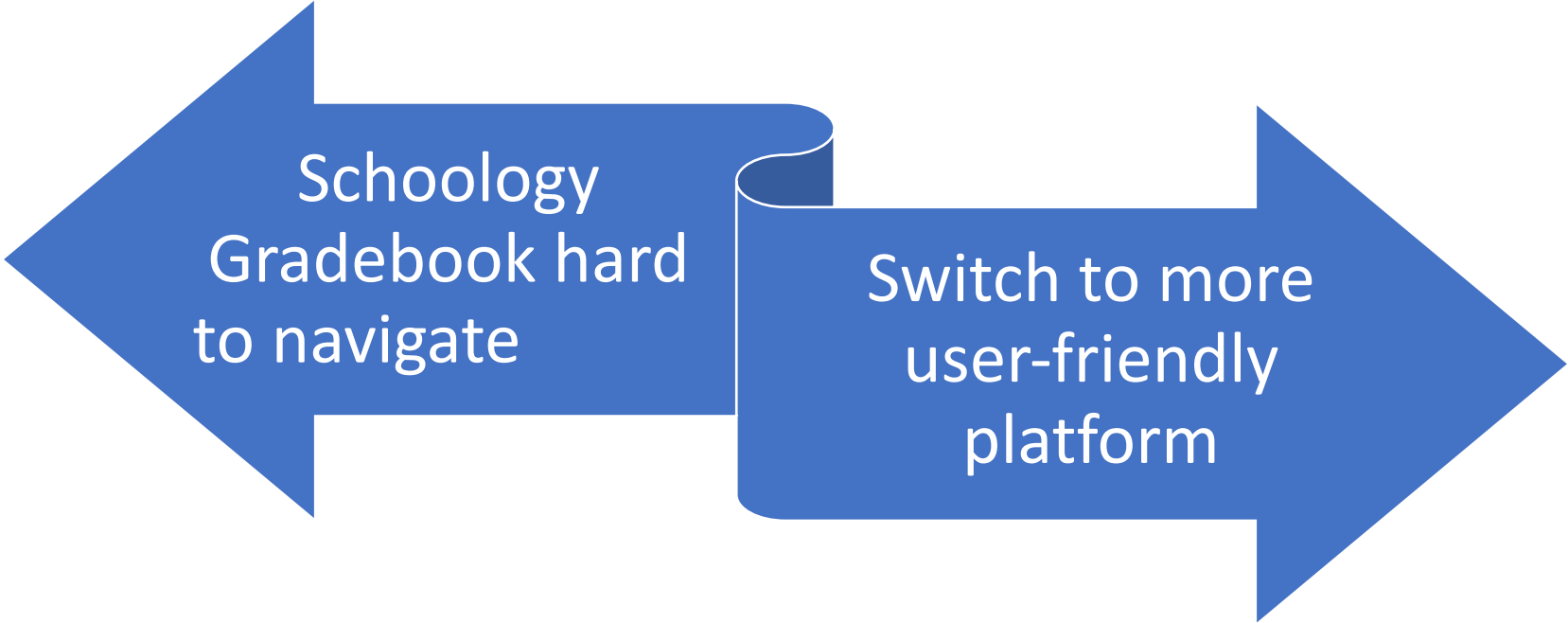


Group coherence &
connection wanes
after classes

On-going group
discussions on platform
re preceptorships &
shadowing

CHALLENGE

STRATEGY



Schoology
Gradebook hard
to navigate

Switch to more
user-friendly
platform

CLASS EVALUATION

Confidence in Abilities

As a result of this class, I have more confidence in my ability to....

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Shadow a speaker in Spanish	5%	--	5%	30%	60%
Paraphrase a speaker in Spanish	5%	--	10%	45%	40%
Interpret simultaneously	5%		20%	40%	35%
Identify, research, and learn new terminology in English and Spanish	--	--		30%	70%

To what extent did this class increase...				
	Not at all	Very little	Somewhat	To a great extent
Your sense of community with your classmates	--	--	30%	70%
Your pride in your bilingualism	--	--	5%	95%
Your understanding of what is required in order to be a professional interpreter	--	--	5%	95%
Your appreciation for the profession			5%	95%
Your commitment to improving your Spanish language fluency	--	--	5%	95%
Your study habits	--	--	35%	65%
Your time management skills	--	5%	35%	60%

My take-
away
was....







Feelings....

Thank you!

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