

# Accessible Resources Guide

## Companion Documents to Slide Decks

As part of our continued commitment to accessibility, we are releasing companion documents for each Lumen One slide deck. Links to these can be found on the first slide of each deck.

We provide slide decks in Google Slides because it is currently a more inclusive platform than Microsoft Office. However, we know that downloading slides into other formats can unintentionally undermine the accessibility features built into the original files. To support both instructional flexibility and student access, we created streamlined companion documents that can be used more effectively with screen readers or printed for note-taking (with fewer pages).

Our goal is not simply to pass accessibility checkers, but to actively test materials with accessibility tools to ensure they provide meaningful access for students who need alternative formats. It's important to remember that an accessibility checker result does not always reflect how usable a file will be for students. A file that "passes" may still create barriers, and a file that "fails" may not actually violate accessibility requirements.

We carefully constructed and tested these companion documents and prioritized:

- Headings with slide numbering to support clear navigation
- Simple and consistent formatting (color, font, style, lists, etc.)
- Descriptive alt text included for all meaningful images and figures
- Removing decorative images to reduce distraction
- Text transcripts provided for all videos
- *For the most accessible experience, we recommend downloading the companion documents as OpenDocument Format (.odt) files.*

Thank you for your partnership in supporting inclusive learning!

[Find our Accessibility FAQ here](#) for answers to the most commonly asked accessibility questions.