PULSE APP OVERVIEW FOR INSTRUCTORS
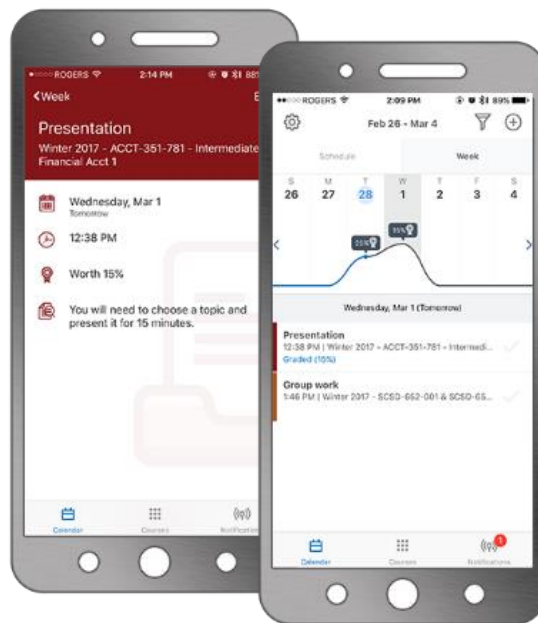
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Overview

Pulse: Student app for myCourses

Pulse is a mobile app that helps students stay up-to-date in all their courses with combined notifications, a schedule view and access to course content material from myCourses. Students can easily view upcoming due dates, released grades, assignment descriptions, and participate in discussions directly from their mobile device. The Pulse app is compatible with myCourses and available on an Android and iOS mobile devices.
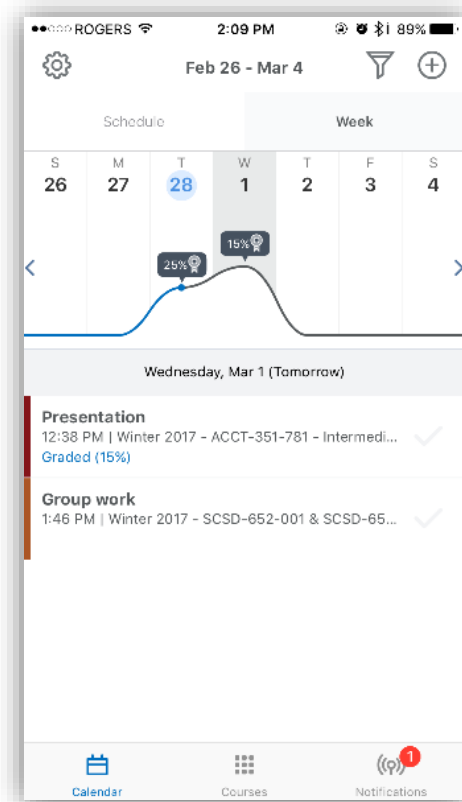
For the Pulse app to be most effective for students, we need to understand the app and what data it pulls from myCourses. The app consists of three main tabs: the Calendar tab, the Courses tab, and the Notifications tab.

Calendar

The Calendar tab allows students to see upcoming due dates for any course they are enrolled in that uses myCourses.
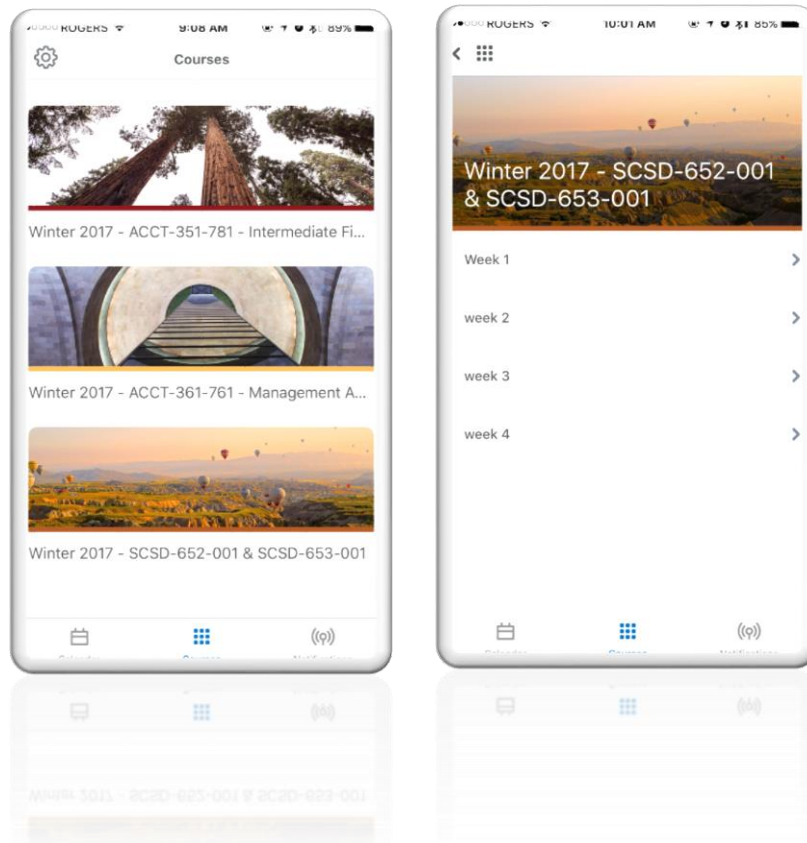
- Students can choose to view these deadlines either in a weekly spread view or tabulated in a list form.
- The Pulse app displays due dates from any topic and activity in myCourses where the instructor specifies a due date. A due date can be set for content topics and activities, assignments and discussion topics.
- Students will also see Calendar events that have been entered in the Calendar Tool in myCourses. As an instructor, you will need to add due dates to any content and activity in myCourses so that students can easily view their upcoming tasks and manage their time and workload more effectively.

Courses

The Courses tab allows students to view the courses they are enrolled in and allows them to access uploaded course material.

- Students tap on a course to access the [Content] modules and material that you have uploaded into your course, along with any set due dates.
    - The Pulse app supports these file formats: pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, ppt, pptx, MP4 video, MP3 audio, Capture video, and HTML pages.
    - There are some limitations when viewing certain information in the Pulse app:
        - Module and topic descriptions entered in the Content Tool will not display in the Pulse app.
        - Text formatting does not show when viewed in the Pulse app.

Notifications

The Notifications tab consists of two tabs: Updates and Subscription.

The Updates tab alerts students of any new activity and updates in their courses. It also lists posted Announcements and released grades. This is a great way to communicate with students beyond myCourses with reminders of upcoming guest speakers or other course-related activities.

The Subscriptions tab displays any Discussion topic that students subscribe to in myCourses. This allows students to easily participate in online discussions from any location. As the instructor, you must remind students to subscribe to the discussion topic in myCourses to use this feature.

Here are examples of notifications that students will receive on their mobile phone for new uploaded content and grade posted in myCourses by the instructor.