

ASPATRIA INSTITUTE

Official Security Notice – Students and Faculty

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To Aspatria Institute Students and Faculty:

We are writing to inform you of a cybersecurity incident affecting Canvas, our learning management platform operated by Instructure, Inc. We want to be transparent about what occurred and what it means for you.

What Happened

On April 25, 2026, a criminal threat actor gained unauthorized access to Instructure's Canvas platform via Free-For-Teacher accounts. Instructure detected the breach on April 29 and revoked access. On April 30, the underlying vulnerability was remediated. On May 7, the same entry point was exploited again to make unauthorized changes to pages visible to logged-in users. Instructure quickly contained the activity, briefly took Canvas offline, and has since restored full access. Aspatria Institute has been confirmed as impacted.

Data Involved

The affected data was stored on Instructure's Canvas platform servers. The data involved appears to include personal information associated with user accounts. Instructure has found no indication that passwords, dates of birth, government identifiers, or financial information were compromised. The investigation is ongoing and institution-specific details will follow.

Actions Taken by Instructure

Instructure has:

- Engaged a third-party forensics firm and notified the FBI and CISA
- Disabled compromised accounts and revoked all associated access and tokens
- Remediated the vulnerability, rotated internal keys, and deployed platform-wide protections

Canvas is fully operational. Updates: www.instructure.com/incident_update

Recommended Actions for You

- Monitor your accounts. Watch for unusual activity on any account sharing your Canvas email address.

- Beware of phishing. We will never request your password by email. Be suspicious of unsolicited messages referencing this incident.
- Watch for follow-up. Instructure will provide identity-protection resources for affected individuals – we will share that directly with you.
- Password hygiene. As a precaution, consider changing passwords on other accounts where you reuse the same credentials.

Aspatria Institute takes the security of your information seriously. We are working with Instructure to determine the full scope of impact and will communicate further as information becomes available.

Questions? Contact Bridget Fallis at Aspatria Institute by email at bridgetfallis@aspatriainstitute.com

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Sincerely,

Aspatria Institute