## Review Checklist: Encouraging Connections in the Classroom

1. **Do your practices include all of the key ingredients?**

   Practices to encourage connections that are missing or more one of the key ingredients may be ineffective, or could backfire. Review the key ingredients below to ensure that your strategies check all the boxes for success.

   - a. Encourage students to see you, and other members of the learning team, and/or each other, as **individuals** with lives that extend beyond the classroom
   - b. Provide **opportunities for connection**
   - c. Encourage students to use opportunities to connect with you and your instructional team by **demystifying how students can communicate and interact with you** and other instructors

2. **Do you have a clear plan for using your activities to encourage connection between students and instructors in your course?**

   - a. I know **which practice** I will try in class.
   - b. I **have a plan** for how and when I will use this practice in my course.
   - c. I have a plan to **check-in with myself, reflect, and adjust my approach** based on my experiences with these strategies throughout the term.

3. **Do practices avoid common pitfalls of strategies for encouraging connection between students and instructors?**

   - a. Personal facts shared with students are **appropriate and professional**.
   - b. **Actions, policies, and practices align** with what you share with students.