Online Certification Training

(OCT), the CTRE’s mandatory online learning prep course, is kicking off a new session on September 4.

OCT is an eight-week course that prepares faculty on how to effectively teach in an online environment by exploring the following units:

- What is Online Learning?
- Best Practices in Online Learning
- ADA Web Accessibility

The course makes use of a variety of learning tools, including discussion boards, written assignments, online quizzes, and more. All faculty interested in registering for the upcoming session can contact Sonya Ratliff at sratliff@csu.edu or 773-821-2508.

New Faculty Orientation

New Faculty Orientation (NFO) will be taking place this week in the CTRE. All full-time faculty (both Unit A and Unit B), as well as deans and department chairs, are invited to attend.

NFO will be an opportunity for faculty who have been hired within the past academic year to familiarize themselves with the university, connect with their departments and peers, and prepare for the upcoming semester.

If you would like to register for New Faculty Orientation or have questions about it, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.
On Wednesday, August 15, there will be a LiveText webinar in the CTRE titled, “Implementing Gen Ed Assessment Across Multiple Modalities”

This webinar will demonstrate how to successfully coordinate the process of unifying Gen Ed assessment across multiple learning experiences, where potentially thousands of artifacts are assessed across hundreds of faculty.

It will be facilitated by Janet Shepherd, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Director of Gen Ed Assessment at Upper Iowa State University.

The webinar will take place on Wednesday, August 15 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in LIB 301. If you have any questions, please contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Click here to RSVP.

FREE Edmodo Online Conference—August 8

Edmodo, the leading professional network for instructors and students, will be hosting its annual conference, EdmodoCon, on August 8.

Taking place entirely online from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., EdmodoCon will feature 14 speakers, presenting on 11 different educational technology topics, such as “iPads in the Classroom”, “Building Global Communities”, “Flipping the Classroom” and “Game Based Learning.” Attendees are free to attend as much or as little of the daylong conference as they wish.

If you are interested in attending, you can register at the following link: edmodocon2012.eventbrite.com

Last year’s EdmodoCon drew over 2,000 educators from all 50 states and over 50 countries around the world. You can access the archives of the 2011 conference here to catch up on what you may have missed.