



# THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

JUNE 2-8, 2013

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Upcoming Events

“Partners in Education: Creating Common Core Rubrics”	6/4 10:30-11:30 LIB 318 <a href="#">Register</a>
“Learner-Centered Assessment: Do Rubrics Enhance Learning?”	6/11 10:30-11:30 LIB 318 <a href="#">Register</a>
CTRE Grant Application Training	6/17 10:00-11:30 & 1:00-2:30 LIB 301 <a href="#">Register</a>
Online Certification Training (OCT) Begins	6/24 Online <a href="#">Register</a>

## Online Certification Training Starts 6/24

The next offering of CSU’s Online Certification Training (OCT) course will begin June 24.

OCT prepares CSU faculty to effectively teach online courses by exploring the following topics:

- What is online teaching?
- Best practices
- Copyright and fair use
- Instructional design basics
- Building online content

The eight-week course is completely online, and those who successfully meet all of its requirements are provided with a certificate of completion.

In accordance with Appendix G of the [2010-2015 CSU Contract](#), faculty must complete OCT in order to teach online at CSU.

If you would like to enroll in OCT, contact Michael Sukowski at 773-995-2498 or [msukowsk@csu.edu](mailto:msukowsk@csu.edu).



## Online Certification Training

Center for Teaching and Research Excellence

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Site: [NoRedInk](#)

Price: Free+

NoRedInk is a tutorial website to help students master grammar and writing skills with an adaptive learning system, and allow teachers track their progress.

NoRedInk is free to use, but premium account privileges are available too.

## Moodle Upgrade Coming in August

This August, Chicago State University will be upgrading from Moodle 1.9 to Moodle 2.3.

The upgrade will afford students and faculty greater ease of use, flexibility, and functionality.

### Training

In preparation for the upgrade, the CTRE will be facilitating hands-on training sessions for faculty throughout the summer, beginning June 10. These sessions will take place on two days per week, in morning, afternoon, and evening



sessions. Watch future CTRE newsletters for times and locations. Student training will begin August 26.

### Transfer Process

Courses will not automatically be

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# Looking Forward

## Monday Morning Mentor

*Beginning in August, the CTRE will be launching a new weekly series for the CSU community called "Monday Morning Mentor."*

*Every Monday morning, the CTRE will showcase a 20-minute program on a different topic, followed by small group discussion exploring the possibilities of how to apply the concepts covered therein. Topics will be chosen from the following areas:*



*Academic Integrity  
Classroom Management  
Grading and Feedback  
Issues with Students  
Student Engagement  
Syllabus and Course Design  
Teaching with Technology  
...and more!*

*Monday Morning Mentor will take place in the CTRE's Faculty Technology Lounge (LIB 318). Watch future newsletters for updates on exact dates, times, and topics.*

*Questions can be directed to James Kowalski at [jkowalsk@csu.edu](mailto:jkowalsk@csu.edu) or 773-995-2498.*

## LUC Grant Workshop

The Institute for Strategic Funding Development will be leading a two-day grant-writing workshop at Loyola University Chicago on July 11 and 12.

The workshop will give participants a comprehensive overview of effective grant development techniques, including finding "best fit" funding sources, creating innovative programs, and planning for funding sustainability.

The cost of attendance is \$498 per person (not including \$25 early bird discount). To learn more or to sign up, visit the [registration page](#).



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transferred in this upgrade; it will be up to faculty to complete a request form. That form will be posted soon in the [ORG-CSU Instructors](#) course.

Faculty will have access to the current version of Moodle (1.9) through August 31. After that time, only Moodle 2.3 will be supported, though old courses from 1.9 will be archived.



### **More Information**

Announcements about the upgrade to Moodle 2.3 will be made throughout the summer. You can learn more about Moodle 2.3's features by watching [this introductory video](#) and reading about it in [Moodle Docs](#). If you have further questions, you are also welcome to call the CTRE at 773-995-2960 or email [elarning@csu.edu](mailto:elarning@csu.edu).

The CTRE looks forward to working with everyone at CSU to make this conversion as seamless as possible.