



THIS WEEK IN THE CTRE

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Upcoming Events

Online Certification Training (OCT) Begins with Rochelle Johnson 12/5 (8-week course) [Register](#)

Online Certification Training (OCT) Begins with Michael Sukowski 12/10 (8-week course) [Register](#)

Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development (AFOD) 1/19/13 8:00-3:00 LIB Sun Room [RSVP](#)

Online Certification Training Starting Soon!

Faculty wishing to take the CTRE's Online Certification Training course will be pleased to learn that two sections will be starting soon. Rochelle Johnson will begin a section on December 5, and Michael Sukowski will begin a section on December 10. Each section will last for approximately eight weeks.

- *What is Online Learning?*
- *Best Practices*
- *ADA Web Accessibility*
- *Instructional Design Basics*
- *Building Course Content*
- *Copyright and Fair Use*
- *Moodle Grade Book*

OCT is a completely online training course that prepares faculty to teach with Moodle. It covers the following topics:

Faculty will also be required to use online tools such as

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Mobile Internet in the City

According to a report issued last month by the Pew Internet Project, internet and cell phone usage are at an all-time high among urban, minority youth. That may come as no surprise as a general trend, but knowing how they are using technology can help faculty reach their students more effectively both inside and outside the classroom.

92% of 1500 minority urban youth surveyed from six urban areas around the country reported owning a mobile phone and using it as their primary means of accessing the internet.

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The report highlights four general trends that are worth noting for any educator, namely:

- 1) *Mobile Use is High*



Looking Forward

Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development

On Saturday, January 19 the CTRE will be hosting its spring Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Development (AFOD).



Building on the last AFOD schedule, this one will offer two tracks, one for new faculty, and one for faculty who attended the last session but are interested in polishing their knowledge and skills. These parallel sessions will include one on learning technologies, and one on building your syllabus. New to this AFOD will also be two "Birds of a Feather" roundtable discussion sessions.

AFOD will guide faculty through a variety of information sessions to help orient them to the policies, procedures, resources, and culture of CSU.

AFOD will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Library Sun Room.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Online Certification Training

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Jing and Elluminate, and to partially build an online course that they will use in the future.

If you are not comfortable navigating the internet, using email, uploading/downloading, or using Microsoft Office applications, you are strongly encouraged to take a basic computer skills course before enrolling in OCT. Instructors will assume a working knowledge of these skills for all registrants.



Any faculty member wishing to teach online must successfully complete Online Certification Training, as stipulated in Section G of the CSU 2010-2015 Contract.

If you wish to register for OCT, click the link below:

[OCT Registration Form](#)

If you have any questions about Online Certification Training, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Mobile Internet

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2) It's Becoming a Way of Life

Youth are "living and learning" with new media, engaging with their peers in forums that are interest- and information-driven. Think Facebook, Twitter, and blogs.

3) Digital Media is the New Town Square

The digital medium is where youth are telling their personal stories and contributing critical views of the world around them, giving them a voice that is personal, creative, and can reach a wider audience.



4) Digital Media as a Space of Opportunity

Youth are using digital venues to make connections with professionals who are like-minded, ambitious, and looking for collaborators.

Certainly mobile internet use is not beyond criticism—like any tool, it can be both used and abused—but it's a reality of the times, and one that can be embraced as a powerful learning tool.

If you are looking for ideas on how to use mobile learning more in your classroom, consider joining an online community such as [HASTAC](#), [MERLOT](#), or [SLOAN-C](#) to connect with educators from around the country, or visit the CTRE for more information on how to get started.