



SPRING PROGRESS

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Connecting Teaching and Learning

ONLINE CERTIFICATION TRAINING



With online and hybrid courses continuing to increase, the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence continues to work with faculty by encouraging them to enroll in Online Certification Training (OCT). The OCT is an eight-week training module that introduces faculty to course design, Moodle LMS basics, assessment, and best practices for teaching online. Faculty are expected to participate in both synchronous and asynchronous sessions to successfully pass the course. Upon completion of the course, faculty will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. All faculty scheduled to teach an online or hybrid course are required to complete the training before they teach online.

Faculty Development: Tech Tuesdays

The Center for Teaching and Research Excellence unit will host Professional Development workshops, aka TechTuesdays on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Workshops are designed to introduce and refresh users to Moodle tools and other interactive applications used for teaching and learning.

Upcoming workshops include Using Kickstart for Course Design, Assessing students using HTML5, Using HotPotatoe as an Elearning Tool, Gauging Learning Readiness using SmarterMeasure and Turning-it-up with Turnitin v2. Moodle Support will update to Turnitin v2 at the end of spring term. Faculty should backup all of their work from Turnitin v1. It will no longer be available.

Faculty can register for all workshops at <https://forms.gle/KWam7DEUniYsJm839>. Resources for all workshops will be available in the 2021 Faculty Development Course shell at <https://csumoodle.remote-learner.net/course/view.php?id=23798>.

As a reminder, vendors such as Respondus and Turnitin, provide ongoing webinars to assist faculty. Faculty are encouraged to visit their websites on:

<https://web.respondus.com/webinars/>

<https://www.turnitin.com/resources/training-webinars>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360029527911-Live-training-webinars>

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Distance Education Corner

The Distance Education Committee (DEC) created a list of example syllabus statements and other remote teaching resources that faculty may find helpful as they prepare for remote teaching this spring. The document is based on best practices for online teaching and learning and can be found on the DEC webpage under the 'Documents and Forms' link:

https://www.csu.edu/DEC/documents/Faculty_Remote_Teaching_Syllabi_Resources.pdf Take a few moments to peruse the DEC webpage <https://www.csu.edu/DEC/> for other useful information such as the 'Approval Process' link that contains forms and steps for proposing online and hybrid courses.

As a reminder to Chairs that each department should review and update their distance education policy. Current policies are available on the DEC webpage <https://www.csu.edu/DEC/policies.htm>. An explanatory memo will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.' For more information contact Dr. Karel Jacobs at kjacobs@csu.edu.

GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES

CTRE has funds for faculty development and programming this academic year. Applications are accepted twice a semester-February 10th during the spring and September 10th during the fall semester. Applicants are encouraged to review the types of grants available and submit a proposal for those that best support his/her development needs. Applications and requirements can be located on the CTRE website at <https://www.csu.edu/CTRE/grants.htm>.

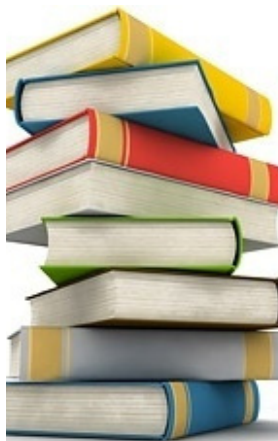
In addition to CTRE grants, faculty are encouraged to apply for Federal, National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Health (NIH) and/or Foundation or Corporate grants. For Grant Award policies and procedures, contact <http://www.csu.edu/sponsoredprograms/grantaward/orientation.htm>



Training for Student Athletes



The Center for Teaching and Research Services took a fresh approach this year to provide additional support for our student athletes learning in a remote environment. The Center is collaborating with the Athletics Program to offer e-learning workshops on January 21st, February 25th, and March 4th at 3:00 p.m. Athletes will participate in synchronous workshops to become more familiar with the Moodle LMS, Respondus, Turnitin, BigBlue Button and other communication tools used for teaching and learning. For more information, contact Dr. P. Boyles at pboyles@csu.edu.



Faculty Resource Network Deadlines

Chicago State University is a member of the Faculty Resource Network (FRN) at New York University. The Network is a consortium of 50 institutions that offer professional development opportunities for faculty. Faculty are encouraged to apply for the upcoming opportunities.

Scholar-in-Residence, Summer 2021- Deadline March 12

Scholar-in-Residence, Fall 2021- Deadline April 16

Scholar-in-Residence, Remote- Deadline April 16

Additional information and applications for FRN programs and events can be found on

<https://facultyresourcenetwork.org/programs-and-events/>.

Magna Publication Training Still available to Faculty!



The Scheinbuks Foundation funded access for faculty to have acquire external training through Magna Publications. Our subscription with Magna Commons and 20 Minute Commons is through June 2021.

Magna Commons offers on-demand versions of Magna's most popular Magna Online Seminars, covering a broad range of topics of interest to faculty & administrators. 20-Minute Mentor Commons offers on-demand versions of Magna's popular 20-Minute Mentor programs, covering a broad range of faculty development topics.

To register and log in to access the group subscription:

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2. Once successfully registered, you will see a screen "Thank you for completing your registration"
3. Go to <https://www.magnapubs.com/profile/join-sitelicense/17089f21a2c981c372ba39606c73fabc>
4. On the right side of the page, in the "Username or email address" box, enter the email address that you submitted in Step 1.
5. Enter your password > Login
6. On the My Account page > Join Team
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