

Nakatani Teaching and Learning Center Programs, Fall 2009

NTLC Communities of Practice - Communities of Practice meet regularly for a year and produce a group product or a series of individual products. **To apply to be a member of a Community, go to <http://www3.uwstout.edu/ntlc/OnCampusOpportunities/communitypractice.cfm> and scroll to Application and Signature Page.**

“Critical Thinking Project”

Facilitator: Dan Riordan (riordand@uwstout.edu)

Study critical thinking in the disciplines. Create and assess a critical thinking project in one class, from September to June. *Enrollment closed.*

“Engagement Project”

Facilitator: Dan Riordan (riordand@uwstout.edu)

Study the relationship of learning and engagement. Data is collected and being assessed. *Enrollment closed.*

“Engaging Student Voices to Enrich Learning”

Facilitator: Anne Hoel (hoela@uwstout.edu)

Because students are naturally engaged with their own learning, they can encourage valuable discovery and application during class discussions. The goal of this community of practice is to acknowledge the value of both teacher and learner experiences, and to highlight ways this collaborative effort enhances learning. Participants will research and discuss theories, resources, and practices relating to collaborative teaching and learning. During the fall semester each member will design a learning experience to be implemented beginning spring 2010, in a course they currently teach. Assessment assistance will be provided. Participants will be asked to reflect critically on both the development and the implementation of their learning experience and share their reflection and results with the University community.

Schedule: Wednesday, September 16, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC White Pine
Wednesday, September 30, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC Cedarwood
Wednesday, October 14, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC White Pine
Wednesday, October 28, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC Cedarwood
Wednesday, November 11, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC White Pine
Wednesday, December 2, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC Cedarwood
Wednesday, December 9, 2009; 12:20-1:15 p.m. in MSC Cedarwood

“Food Science and High Schools”

Facilitator: Carolyn Barnhart (barnhartc@uwstout.edu)

The Food Science Community of Practice (CoP) will bring together individuals interested in improving the Food Science Curriculum in Wisconsin and Minnesota high schools and universities. The CoP will follow the four levels of learning. First, we will gather curriculum in Food Science which leads to required science credits leading to graduation requirements. Practitioners delivering this curriculum will be invited to join the CoP to explain how they apply the knowledge in their classrooms. Food Industry experts will be asked to evaluate the content they would like to see in food science curriculums. As a group we will evaluate how we view the current curriculum related to Food Science. After the evaluation the group will meet regularly to discuss innovative ideas to expand the curriculum and deliver energizing workshops to districts planning to update Food Science Curriculum. This discussion will take place once per month by person and once per month by teleconference. Each CoP member will be asked to create a project or present the process/results of the CoP at district, state or national meetings.

Schedule: Monday, September 14, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. in Home Economics 206
Monday, October 5, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. (Telephone number will be supplied.)
Monday, October 19, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. in Home Economics 206
Monday, November 9, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. (Telephone number will be supplied.)
Monday, November 30, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. in Home Economics 206
Monday, December 7, 2009; 3:40-4:20 p.m. (Telephone number will be supplied.)

“Lesson Study”

Facilitator: Joy Becker (beckerjoy@uwstout.edu)

Participants will explore the Lesson Study process, review appropriate teaching and learning research, and create an action plan for implementing the process with a team. Leaders will recruit their own team and lead the team through the process, with the goal of evaluating and improving student learning. The community will collectively discuss and assess the team projects. One projected outcome is a list of Lesson Study methods and best practices. A broader outcome is a renewed focus on student learning in the classroom.

Schedule: Thursday, September 17, 2009; 2:30-3:25 p.m. in MSC White Pine
Tuesday, September 29, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, October 13, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, October 27, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, December 8, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, December 22, 2009; 3:55-4:45 in MSC Pioneer

“Online Teaching Resources for Faculty/Staff”

Facilitator: Juli Taylor (taylorju@uwstout.edu)

To date, UW-Stout does not have standard guidelines for faculty/staff who teach or will teach online courses. Some departments may provide training, resources, or development opportunities, but in many cases, individual faculty/staff are charged with converting courses to online delivery formats and/or teaching courses online with little assistance, guidance or support. This community has already determined experience and comfort levels of UW-Stout faculty/staff teaching online for the purpose of developing guidelines and training materials/sessions (spring 2009) and identified what UW-Stout faculty/staff know and what tools/technologies they use or may want to learn to use (spring 2009).
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During fall 2009 this community will develop guidelines and training materials/resources for faculty/staff and plan and implement guidelines and training materials/resources campus-wide.

Schedule: Tuesday, October 27, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Badger
Tuesday, November 3, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Badger
Tuesday, November 17, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, November 24, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, December 1, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, December 8, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer
Tuesday, December 15, 2009; 9:00-10:00 in MSC Pioneer