



Centre for Teaching and Learning

A Partner in Learning Services with Community & Continuing Studies, IT Services and the Library

August 2008

Teaching & Technology Fair - August 18– 27, 2008

For more information or to register please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/learning or call 250-807-9293. All sessions are free, however registration is required.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION	TITLE & DESCRIPTION
Fri. Aug 15th 10:30am–12:00pm Location: LIB 111	Creating Quizzes in WebCT Vista - Create quizzes in Vista or create them in MS Word and import using Respondus.
Tue. Aug 19th 9:30am–10:30am Location: LIB 111	Creating Learning Modules in WebCT Vista –In this workshop you will learn to create Learning Modules for presenting content .
Aug 19th- 21st 9:00am-3:00pm Location: LIB 306	Faculty Instructional Skills Seminar - This 3-day seminar is designed to enhance new and veteran teacher's learning environment facilitation skills.
Aug 18th, 20th, & 26th 9:30am-11:15am Location: LIB 111	Vista Orientation, Communication Tools and Adding Content -This hands on session will provide an overview for using WebCT Vista.
Aug 18th, 20th, & 26th 1:00pm-2:00pm Location: LIB 111	Group Manager & Assignment Drop Box —Participants will learn how to create groups and assignments that can be submitted and published on line .
Aug 18th, 20th, & 26th 2:15pm-3:15pm Location: LIB 111	Gradebook –In this workshop participants will set up the Gradebook, create columns and calculate formulas.
Fri. Aug 22nd 11:00am-noon Location: SCI 331	Working with Teaching Assistants -This session will go over expectations regarding hours of work, typical duties, organizational and communication tips and evaluation. Human Resources will be in attendance to answer all related questions and concerns.
Fri. Aug 22nd 9:30am-10:30pm Location: LIB 111	Powerpoint 2007 - In this hands on session, participants will create PowerPoint presentations using PowerPoint 2007.
Tue. Aug 26th 10:30am-11:40pm Location: LIB 305	Supervising Graduate Students -The purpose of this round table session is to bring together faculty to discuss the role of the graduate student supervisor.
Tue. Aug 26th 1:00pm-2:30pm Location: LIB 305	Inclusive Toolbox -This workshop will provide practical tools for acknowledging, addressing, and responding to diversity in the classroom.
Tue. Aug 26th 9:30am-10:15am or 3:00pm-3:45pm	Audio Visual Orientation in the Classroom - Participants will be given an overview of how to use all the audiovisual equipment provided in UBC Okanagan's technology enhanced classrooms.
Wed. Aug 27th 9:00am-10:15am Location: LIB 305	First Class Success -This workshop will explore techniques for creating a positive, motivational and successful classroom environment from Day One.
Wed. Aug 27th 10:30am-11:40am Location: LIB 305	Student Engagement in Large Classes -This session will convene faculty who are interested in engaging learners in a large classroom setting.
Wed. Aug 27th 1:00pm-2:00pm Location: LIB 305	Assessment for Learning - This session will offer strategies that focus on formative assessment procedures that assist student progress in achieving learning outcomes.
Wed. Aug 27th 2:30pm-3:30pm Location: SSC 044	Open House - Come and visit the Team at the Centre for Teaching & Learning. Hear about new programs and offerings for 2008-2009!!

Communities of Practice

To join please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl or call 250-807-9293.

Team Based Learning Community of Practice

A number of faculty are using Team Based Learning in their classrooms and others wish to learn more. The community of practice will provide faculty with an opportunity to share best practices and network with instructors from other faculties.

If you are interested in learning more about this strategy and/or are using it now, please join us for the first meeting of this exciting new Community of Practice.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Community of Practice

This community of practice is designed to foster cross-disciplinary inquiry focused on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Regular seminars are held to provide an opportunity to discuss/present SoTL research projects and cross-disciplinary collaborations. Please email peter.arthur@ubc.ca if you plan to attend.

Problem Based Learning Community of Practice

The Centre for Teaching & Learning supports faculty by facilitating the Community of Practice, offering resources on our website, and individual support in planning PBL experiences for their students.

Critical Thinking Community of Practice

Are you using Critical Thinking techniques in your classroom? Would you like to? This community of practice is for all faculty that are currently implementing Critical Thinking in their classrooms and for those faculty that would like to learn more about this instructional strategy. The community of practice meets to share best practices and review current literature in the field.

Technology in Education

A community of practice focused on a scholarly approach toward technology use in the classroom. Join UBC Okanagan instructors in exploring innovative and effective e-learning strategies for supporting and enhancing the face to face teaching environment.



Critical Thinking Community of Practice 2007-2008

Open Classroom

The Open Classroom initiative provides a unique opportunity to any UBC Okanagan faculty member, or graduate student to observe colleagues in the settings of their classroom. We have many outstanding teachers who have volunteered to open up their classroom. This provides an opportunity to view a variety of learning environments in action. Observers will have the opportunity to discuss their observations with the colleague observed. All observations will be organized and coordinated by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

If you would like to volunteer to open your classroom to colleagues, or is interested in observing a colleague in action, please contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca.

TA Tuesdays

New for Fall 2008!! All Teaching Assistants are invited to drop in to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (SSC044) from 2:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday to get assistance in the following areas:

- WebCT Vista support
- Optical Mark Reader instruction
- Instructional or assessment support

Centre staff will be available to assist you during this drop-in time every Tuesday from 2:00-3:30pm.



Team Based Learning Community of Practice 2007-2008

Do you have a Teaching Assistant?

The Centre offers a professional development program for TA's including an orientation (Sept. 17th,) a manual, a website and many workshops throughout the term including **WebCT Vista workshops for TA's**. Full day workshops are planned for Sept 20th.

For more information contact Heather Marshall at 250-807-9288 or heather.marshall@ubc.ca or Janine Hirtz at 250-807-9133 or janine.hirtz@ubc.ca

Class DVD Recording

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to view your teaching? The Centre for Teaching and Learning staff are available to record your class and provide you with a DVD. The DVD will be yours to view in private, with a colleague or with one of the CTL's Learning Specialists. Watching the recording provides an invaluable insight into your teaching. To request a class recording, please contact Heather Marshall at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (250-807-9288).

Connections: A Program for Faculty New to UBC Okanagan

What the Connections Program offers (September to April) :

- Interdisciplinary cohort meetings organized for faculty new to UBC Okanagan (socializing & sharing)
- An opportunity to meet with a member of the Centre for Teaching and Learning Team for a one-on-one consultation to answer questions and offer resources
- An observation/reflection cycle of teaching (by DVD, peers, Centre staff or by participating in the Open Classroom program)
- Participation in a midterm feedback of your course by students (an online program operated by the Centre)
- Teaching Portfolio development assistance

Connections 1 (for all new faculty)

Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd, Nov. 14th, Dec 5th, Jan 9th, Feb 6th, March 6th & April 3rd

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Marshall

Location: SSC044

Connections 2

Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sept. 19th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 21st, Jan. 23rd, Feb. 27th & March 20th

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Marshall

Location: SSC044

For all faculty that were involved in Connections in 2007-2008 as well as any new faculty that we may have missed last year!!

Connections E (for everyone)

Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sept. 26th, Oct. 31st, Nov. 28th, Jan. 30th, & Mar. 27th

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Marshall

Location: SSC044

All faculty are invited to join together once a month to discuss issues and share best practices in an interdisciplinary setting. Let's talk about teaching and learning!

To register for this program contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca or Heather Marshall at 250-807-9288 or heather.marshall@ubc.ca

Course (Re)Design Seminar 2008

A dedicated group of faculty joined together for 4 days of intense, productive discussion around teaching and learning!! The interdisciplinary group participated in many **hands-on activities** as they focused on renewing/producing a course that they intend to teach here at UBC Okanagan. An atmosphere of **collegiality** allowed for the sharing of many learning- centred teaching ideas. One of the main themes of the seminar was **constructive alignment**, so participants reviewed and designed their course materials to ensure that learning outcomes, assessments and methods of instruction were all focused on the same purpose – maximizing student learning. Centre staff will meet with the participants throughout the 2008-2009 academic year to follow-up and assist in the implementation of the new or newly revised courses. The seminar will be offered again in May 2009.



WebCT Upgrade

UBC Okanagan campus has implemented a new enterprise level Learning Management System (LMS). Blackboard's WebCT Vista has now replaced the aging WebCT Campus Edition (CE) version 4. WebCT Vista is proving to be a very robust and feature rich LMS that is easy to use.

At this past year's Student Engagement forum, students unanimously agreed that those instructors using WebCT were providing a valuable learning tool that helped to engage them with the course content and with their peers. Please note that all WebCT course content will be archived and can be imported into WebCT Vista courses at your request.

All courses will be created in **WebCT Vista**.

Please visit our website to register for a series of WebCT Vista workshops for instructors and TAs: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/events.html

WebCT Vista Wednesdays

Join us at the Centre for Teaching and Learning!

Drop-in any Wednesday from 1-3 PM, Sept. 3rd– Dec. 10th

You are invited to drop by the Centre for Teaching and Learning in **SSC 044** on Wednesday afternoons for help with WebCT Vista. These are unstructured session times when help will be available to you regarding any concerns, issues or questions you have about using WebCT Vista.

We look forward to seeing you!

Fall Faculty Workshops

To register for workshops please visit: www.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl or call 250-807-9293.

Teaching Squares

Monday, Sept. 15th

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Marshall

The Teaching Squares initiative celebrates teaching excellence, builds communities of practice, and aims to enhance teaching and learning through a structured process of classroom observation, reflection, discussion and plan for renewal. Participants must register for the program. Faculty will be placed into a "Square" with three other instructors from diverse content areas. An initial meeting is held where participants meet to schedule classroom visits and discuss their goals for participating in the program. Each Square participant will visit one class per week and will be visited once a week by a Square participant. After all visits have been completed (3 weeks), the entire Square will reconvene to discuss what they discovered about their own teaching.

OMR Training

Tuesday, Oct. 14th 2:00pm-3:00pm or

Thursday, Oct. 16th 11:00am-12:00pm or

Tuesday, Oct. 21st 10:00am-11:00am

Session Leader: Janine Hirtz

This workshop will demonstrate the process for grading multiple choice exams using OUC's OMR scanner and Remark software. Participants will also learn to export grades for importing into WebCT. Handouts will be provided.

Teaching Portfolios

Thursday, Oct. 23rd 2:30pm-3:30pm

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Marshall

This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about the purpose and contents of a teaching portfolio. Participants will be given examples of portfolio design and contents to assist in the development of their own teaching portfolio.

Peer Mentoring

Tuesday, Sept 30th 11:30am-1:00pm or

Wednesday, Oct. 1st 11:30am-1:00pm

The Centre brings the Peer Mentoring Pairs together once a month. Typically the group gathers for a quick professional development piece/activity followed by lunch and discussion. Pairs are encouraged to meet outside of this opportunity as well. For more information please contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca.

Annual Learning Conference- Another Success!!

'Teaching & Learning in a Changing World' was the theme for the Fourth Annual UBC Okanagan Learning Conference held May 7 & 8, 2008. Strong interest and support made this conference memorable and valuable for all involved. Presenters and participants gathered together through sessions and social times to share innovative pedagogy and plan new experiences for their students. Mark your calendar for the 2009 conference to be held May 6 & 7, 2009!!

Partners in Teaching Excellence

Just a reminder that Centre staff are available for individual consultations for faculty wishing to implement innovations in instruction for teaching and learning excellence. The Centre also offers Learning Communities where faculty share experiences in teaching and learning. We currently offer Peer Mentoring, Teaching Squares, Instructional Skills Workshops as well as other programs listed on our website. We are currently expanding our faculty resources section to offer current information on new trends in Higher Education. Contact the Centre for more information.

Showcase- Jan Cioe

Jan Cioe, Associate Professor of Psychology, received UBC Okanagan's Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation for 2007-2008.



Alaa Abd-El-Aziz, UBC Okanagan Provost and chair of the selection committee, described Cioe

as "an exemplary professor who has become known for his commitment to developing innovative teaching approaches to ensure all students master the course material. "

"Among many qualities that he brings are excitement and enthusiasm, and a passion for the subject," said Abd-El-Aziz.

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Hours of Operation

8:30am-4:30pm

(closed for lunch noon-1:00pm)

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is located in SSC 044 (underneath the cafeteria patio)