



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN

Centre for Teaching and Learning

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

August 2009

Teaching & Technology Fair August 18th - September 3rd, 2009

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	TITLE	LOCATION
August 18th-20th 9:00am-3:00pm	Faculty Instructional Skills Seminar	SCI396
Tuesday, August 18th 9:30am-11:15am	Wimba Voice Tools in Vista	LIB111
Wednesday, August 19th 9:30am-11:00am	Supplemental Instruction	UC316
Thursday, August 20th 9:30am -11:00am	WebCT Vista Extreme Course Makeover	LIB111
Monday, August 24th 9:00am-10:15am	First Class Success	LIB306
Monday, August 24th 10:30am – 11:45am	Getting Started With Technology at UBC Okanagan	LIB306
Monday, August 24th 1:00pm-1:45pm	Audio Visual Orientation in the Classroom	LIB312
Tuesday, August 25th 9:00am-10:45am	Vista Orientation, Communication Tools and Adding Content	LIB111
Tuesday, August 25th 11:00am – 12:00pm	Vista Group Manager & Assignment Drop Box	LIB111
Tuesday, August 25th 1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vista Gradebook	LIB111
Tuesday, August 25th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Syllabus Creation	LIB306
Wednesday, August 26th 9:00am-10:25am	Team Based Learning Demonstration	LIB306
Wednesday, August 26th 10:30am-12:00pm	Problem Based Learning Demonstration	LIB306
Wednesday, August 26th 1:00pm-2:15pm	Essential Elements of Instruction	LIB306
Wednesday, August 26th 2:30pm-3:30pm	How Do I Get The Students To Do The Readings?	LIB306
Thursday, August 27th 9:00am-11:00am	Using Social Software for Learning	ARTS180
Thursday, August 27th 1:00pm – 2:15 pm	Vista Learning Modules	LIB111
Thursday, August 27th 1:00pm-2:00pm	Reflecting on Your Teaching	LIB306
Thursday, August 27th 2:15pm-4:30pm	Teaching Portfolios	LIB306
Thursday, August 27th 2:30pm-4:00pm	Vista Online Quizzes, Self Assessment and Respondus	LIB111
Monday, August 31st 9:00am-10:15am	Creating Effective Assessments	LIB306
Monday, August 31st 10:30am-11:45am	Panel: Successful Instructional Strategies	LIB306
Monday, August 31st 1:00pm-2:00pm	Assessment Toolkit Part 1	LIB306
Monday, August 31st 2:00pm-3:00pm	Assessment Toolkit Part 2	LIB306
Monday, August 31st 2:30pm-3:30pm	Audio Visual Orientation in the Classroom	LIB312
Tuesday, September 1st 2:30pm–4:00pm	Open House (For All Faculty)	SSC044
Thursday, September 3rd 9:00am-10:45am	Vista Orientation, Communication Tools and Adding Content	LIB111
Thursday, September 3rd 11:00am-12:00pm	Working with Teaching Assistants	LIB306
Thursday, September 3rd 1:00pm-2:15pm	Turnitin	LIB111

Communities of Practice

Check our website in mid September for the meeting schedules! <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/practice/teamlearning.html>.

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 disciplines.

If you are interested in learning more about this strategy and/or are using it now, join the Community of Practice. Meetings will usually be held once a month at the Centre for Teaching & Learning. Contact Heather Hurren for more information. heather.hurren@ubc.ca.

Please note that a hands-on demonstration of this strategy will be presented during our Teaching & Technology Fair on Wednesday, August 26th. Register today!

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. Contact Peter Arthur for more information peter.arthur@ubc.ca.

Problem Based Learning Community of Practice

Do you use Problem Based Learning in your classroom? Would you like to? This Community of Practice is for all faculty who currently use PBL or would like to learn more about it. Typically we meet twice per term and faculty share their experiences as they experiment with/implement PBL.

If you are interested in joining this community, contact Heather Hurren at heather.hurren@ubc.ca.

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Critical Thinking Community of Practice

This Community of Practice is for all faculty that are currently assisting students in developing Critical Thinking tools and for those faculty that would like to learn more about it. The Community of Practice meets to share best practices and review current literature in the field. Last year, the community began three projects that are now underway. You may also be interested to learn more or participate in one of these:

1. New course development combining Critical Thinking and Sustainability
2. Writing an International/Interdisciplinary book about Critical Thinking in Higher Education Classrooms.
3. Vista shell to discuss and share online.

If you would like to join, please contact Heather Hurren at heather.hurren@ubc.ca or Janine Hirtz at janine.hirtz@ubc.ca.

eLearning Community of Practice (eICoP)

This new Community of Practice is for all faculty who are interested in the integration of educational technology into teaching and learning. This might be through Podcasting, Clickers, Vista or Web 2.0 Collaborative technologies and social software applications. Whether you are new to technology or a self-professed "technology geek", join this community for an opportunity to share best practices and explore evaluation of effectiveness of using innovative technology as a teaching strategy in your classroom. Join us as we share tips and tricks that are sure to enhance your overall technological skills and confidence!

To join, please contact Janine Hirtz at janine.hirtz@ubc.ca. Our first meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19th 1:00pm-2:15pm in SSC 044 (Centre for Teaching and Learning). Dessert & coffee served.

We want to hear from you!!

The Centre for Teaching & Learning is looking for feedback on current programming and ideas for new offerings. By participating in this online survey, you can inform Centre staff of professional development needs that you see as important to continually enhance teaching and learning on this campus.

Visit our website to participate at <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/contact/survey>

The survey will run from August 4th to September 30th. Thanks for your anticipated participation!!

Peer Mentoring

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.



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 Hurren at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (250-807-9288).

Connections: Let's Talk about Teaching and Learning!!!

Connections 1

Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Hurren

Location: SSC044

For all faculty new to UBC Okanagan! Connections is a chance to network with other faculty new to UBC Okanagan in an interdisciplinary fashion. Centre staff provide a number of pieces of information that are of interest to faculty new to the campus. Typically we meet once a month at the Centre for Teaching & Learning. If you would like more information, contact Peter Arthur or Heather Hurren at the Centre.

2009 Meeting Schedule: 2:00-3:00pm in SSC044

Friday, September 25th

Friday, October 23rd

Friday, November 27th

Connections E (for everyone)

Fridays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Hurren

Location: SSC044

Is open to all faculty. Faculty are invited to join together once a month to discuss teaching and learning issues and share best practices in an interdisciplinary setting. Let's talk about teaching and learning! The topics will be chosen from the faculty survey and advertised early in October.

2009 Meeting Schedule: 2:00 – 3:00pm in SSC044

Friday, October 16th

Friday, November 13th

Fall Faculty Workshops

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

Teaching Squares

Monday, Sept. 21st

Session Leader(s): Peter Arthur & Heather Hurren

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.

Remark (Optical Mark Scanner)

Tuesday, October 6th 11:00am-12:00pm, Thursday, October 8th 1:00am-2:00pm or

Wednesday, October 14th 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Session Leader(s): Janine Hirtz

Location: SSC 044

This session will provide an orientation to Remark office multiple choice scanning software. We will also review exporting grades from Remark to WebCT Vista.

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

Spotlight– UBC Okanagan Award for Teaching Excellence and Innovation



Dynamic. Innovative. Inspiring. They're just three ways used to describe this year's top teachers at UBC Okanagan.

At a reception in May, UBC Okanagan Provost Alaa Abd-El-Aziz recognized Stephen McNeil, assistant professor of chemistry, and Maurice Williams, associate professor of history, as the teachers of the year.

Do you have a Teaching Assistant?

Attend the workshop on September 3rd **Working with Teaching Assistants**. Register Today!

The Centre offers a professional development program for TA's including an orientation (Sept. 16th,) a manual, a website and many workshops throughout the term including **WebCT Vista workshops for TA's**. A full day of workshops are planned for Sept 19th.

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

TA Tuesdays

All Teaching Assistants are invited to drop in to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (SSC044) from 2:30pm to 4:00pm 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 2:30pm to 4:00pm .

Course (Re)Design Seminar 2009

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 2009-2010 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 2010.



Course (Re)Design Seminar 2009



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 if interested in observing a colleague in action, please contact Peter Arthur at 250-807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca.

Annual Learning Conference- Another Success!!

'Looking For Success in Learning' was the theme for the Fifth Annual UBC Okanagan Learning Conference held May 6 & 7, 2009. 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 2010 conference to be held May 5 & 6, 2010!!



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 Seminars 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.

WebCT Vista Wednesdays

Join us at the Centre for Teaching and Learning!

Drop-in any Wednesday from 1-3 PM, September 9th to December 9th.

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!

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Hours of Operation

8:30am-4:00pm

(closed for lunch noon-1:00pm)

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