



Centre for Teaching and Learning

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

September 2007

Fall Faculty Workshops & Programs

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

Sept 14	1:00pm-2:00pm	Team Based Learning Community of Practice
Sept 21	1:00pm-2:30pm	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Community of Practice
Oct 10 or Oct 11	4:00pm-4:45pm	Optimal Mark Reader (OMR) Training
Oct 12	2:00pm-3:00pm	Connections
Sept 17-Oct 12 Oct 1- Oct 26 Oct 15- Nov 2		Teaching Squares
Sept 24 Sept 25	11:30am-1:00pm	Peer Mentoring
Oct 1	1:00pm-2:00pm	Critical Thinking Community of Practice

Teaching Squares

Sept 17-Oct 12 or Oct 1-Oct 26, or Oct 15-Nov 2

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. For more information contact Heather Marshall at 807-9288 or heather.marshall@ubc.ca.



TurnItIn

UBC subscribes to a service called TurnItIn. This service provides instructors and students with the ability to scan submitted papers. Material copied from websites, purchased papers, assignments and essays previously submitted to TurnItIn, and some published works are readily identified. In response to a growing concern about a "level playing field" for all students, subscribing to this service reinforces academic integrity as a core value of our university. For more information and access, please contact Tricia at 807-9293 or ctl.ubco@ubc.ca. If you would like assistance with using TurnItIn contact Janine Hirtz Janine.hirtz@ubc.ca.

Critical Thinking Community of Practice

Oct 1, 1:00pm-2:00pm

It was great to see so many attend Roland Case's presentation at our Learning Conference in May. Let's keep the conversation going and share strategies and best practices in experimenting with and implementing Critical Thinking into your classrooms. If you are interested in joining this community of practice, email Heather Marshall or Janine Hirtz at the Centre.

WebCT Wednesdays

Join us at the Centre for Teaching and Learning!

Drop-in any Wednesday from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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

Help is available for:

- General Navigation
- Adding Content (ie: course outline)
- Using the Assignment Drop Box
- Setting up the Gradebook
- Adding URL links
- Using Communication Tools (ie: mail, discussions, chat, calendar)
- Hiding links
- Customizing your course look
- Customizing icons
- Using a content module
- Adding an Image database
- Using Voice tools (ie: live classroom, voice discussion, voice email)
- Setting up groups
- General inquiries and course

WebCT Help

If you would like any help with the use of WebCT, please contact Janine Hirtz (807-9133) and book some time reviewing or learning any aspect of WebCT.

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 (807-9288).

New Resource!!

The Centre for Teaching and Learning has recently obtained UBC Okanagan site licenses for two teaching and learning related electronic newsletters: **The Teaching Professor and Online Classroom**.

All members of the UBC Okanagan teaching community may register to receive free subscription(s) to either or both of these newsletters. Registration is only required once. With your subscription(s), you will receive a monthly email providing you with the current issue's table of contents, and links to both individual articles and the entire issues. **To register for your free subscription(s) to The Teaching Professor and/ or Online Classroom, please contact Heather Marshall to receive the voucher code and PIN number for your subscription. heather.marshall@ubc.ca.**

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

SoTL Research Database

Visit our website to meet our Community of Researchers!!

http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/ctl/support/Scholarship_of_Teaching_and_Learning.html

The UBC Okanagan Academic Plan states that "we will research the core activity of our community - student learning - and value the scholarship of teaching".

Join our community of researchers by emailing Heather Marshall at the Centre heather.marshall@ubc.ca

Peer Mentoring

Sept 24 11:30-1:00 or Sept 25 11:30-1:00

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 807-9207 or peter.arthur@ubc.ca

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.

****FOR YOUR STUDENTS****

RAP – Research Assistance Program

A series of free student workshops held every week that offers practical ideas on finding, handling, and presenting research information. Check the website for more details at

<http://www.library.ubc.ca/ubco/>

Do you have a Teaching Assistant?

The Centre offers a professional development program for TA's including an orientation (Sept. 19th), a manual, a website and many workshops throughout the term including **WebCT workshops for TA's**. Full day workshops are planned for Sept. 15th and 22th.

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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)