

Spring 2023 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar





DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
Due by March 31, 2023	Self-paced	Online Training	SafeColleges Training – Required Vernon College Sessions. Be sure to complete your required SafeColleges Training by March 31 st . Use your Vernon College e-mail to log in, and access the “ Mandatory Training ” section on your “My Assignments” page. Topics include the Cybersecurity Overview, Emergency Procedures, General Ethics in the Workplace, and Title IX/Sexual Harassment Prevention for Employees. While accessing your “Mandatory Training,” see several additional “ Suggested Training ” titles including the Campus SaVE Act; Clery Act Overview; Dating Violence, Identification, and Prevention; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Practices; and Implicit Bias and Microaggressions Awareness. Relevant for all VC employees! Log in!	2 hours
On-Demand	Self-paced	Online Development	On-Demand Professional Development with Starlink! Professional Development for Higher Ed! Get ‘just in time’ training your way through Starlink! See a variety of sessions on accessibility, communication, compliance, hot topics, leadership, and online classroom management! 2023—2023 Schedule of Sessions . Tailor your professional development to your own needs and interests! Access Starlink , and set up an account with your Vernon College email (it’s free)! Check out the Member Area, and/or browse the Programs/Course Catalog Option. Your way! Get started today! Certificates awarded after completion. Log in	20 Minute Sessions
Monday, January 09, 2023	8:30 AM— 4:00 PM	Vernon College, Vernon Campus	Spring 2023 Kick-Off – All Faculty and Staff. Annual event to introduce new staff and faculty, participate in professional development activities and get energized for the upcoming term. The kickoff offers an opportunity for awareness and updates regarding prior term accomplishments as well as policy and procedure updates relevant to the upcoming term. General Session in the morning, breakout sessions mid-morning, lunch provided in the sub at noon. Afternoon departmental sessions and closing sessions. See the day’s agenda here and the breakout session options here .	7.5 hours



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On-Demand	Self-paced	Virtual Development	edWebinars Series. The edWebinar webinar series provides a variety of live and on-demand titles of interest for K-12 as well as higher ed educators. Topics include SEL, literacy, technology, diversity, teacher well-being, and teaching/learning motivation. Many are on interest of interest to teachers, counselors, librarians, instructional leaders, and education technology leaders of all grade levels. Join live or receive a link to the recording and earn a CE certificate Learn more and register here.	1-hour sessions
				
Thursday, January 12, 2023	10:00A—11:00 AM	Live Webinar	ERS Wellness Webinar – “1° of Difference: Tiny Habits Make a BIG Impact.” This one-hour workshop dives into human psychology in a fun and interactive way to break down the science of our subconscious behavior (habits). If you’ve ever tried to break a bad habit or create a new habit, you know that it is extremely challenging. Through an understanding of the human brain and what drives our behaviors, we have a better chance of successful change. Based on the most current research in neuroscience and behavior change, this workshop will help participants discover how one degree of change can make a huge difference over time. For more information and to register.	1 hour
				
Friday, January 13, 2023	8:30 AM—12:00 PM	Vernon College Century City Campus, RM. 302	Spring 2023 Faculty Development Day. In higher education, quality teaching and institutional leadership are two of the most critical factors affecting student success. For optimum student success and institutional mission accomplishment, faculty and administrators must strive to expand their knowledge and skill sets for best educational practices. The faculty in-service day is an excellent networking opportunity, to set expectations, and collectively plan for a successful Spring 2023 term! Informative updates and division breakout sessions are scheduled.	3.5 hours
				
Thursday, January 12, 2023	1:00 PM—2:00 PM	Live Webinar	NISOD Webinar Series – “Embracing the Issues of a Typical Student to Create a Welcoming Classroom.” This webinar is aimed at understanding the issues that students face in a peri-post pandemic period. The facilitator works toward laying down a foundation of terms and topics aimed at assisting educators at all levels to create a welcoming and safe classroom for students to help promote attendance, learning, and self-awareness. CEU Eligible. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required. For more info and to register, click here.	1 hour CEU Eligible
				



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<p>Tuesday, January 17, 2023</p>	<p>NOON— 1: 00 PM</p>	<p>Live Webinar</p>	<p>Limeaide Company Culture Wellness Solutions – “<i>Change Fatigue: How to Support Your Employees During Times of Change</i>” Science shows that employee well-being results happen when peers, managers, and leaders show up for each other in meaningful ways. Limeaide’s well-being platform allows every employee to offer — and find — inspiration and accountability while giving managers and leaders the actionable tools to make company support real. In “<i>Change Fatigue: How to Support Your Employees During Times of Change</i>,” learn what change fatigue is and how to identify it, how to effectively build resilience in your organization, and learn from HRD professionals how they addressed change fatigue in their organizations. Complimentary learning platform! For more information and to register.</p>	<p>1-hour session</p>
				
<p>Thursday, January 19, 2023</p>	<p>1:00 PM— 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Live Webinar</p>	<p>NISOD Webinar Series –“<i>First, Do No Harm: Equitable Grading Practices That Support Mastery.</i>” Our traditional systems of grading tend to reward behavior rather than knowledge, to be demotivating, and to demand that instructors perform endless workarounds to improve student outcomes. In this webinar, the presenters introduce an approach to grading that aims to equitably assess student learning and motivate student persistence. Presenters share details about grading strategies, preliminary results, and lessons learned from the implementation. They also provide a sample alternative assessment tool. CEU Eligible. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	<p>1 hour CEU Eligible</p>
				
<p>On-Demand</p>	<p>Self-paced</p>	<p>Online Development</p>	<p>The Chronicle of Higher Ed – Virtual Learning Series. Browse recent and coming topics, and join a discussion with national experts and leading practitioners on how to chart a course forward. Timely and relevant live and virtual events regarding leadership, teaching and learning, finance and operations, and diversity/equity/inclusion. Complimentary learning service. Learn more and register here.</p>	<p>1-hour sessions</p>
				



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Wednesday, January 25, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Online Development	The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “What’s the Right Use of International Recruitment Agents?” Studying abroad offers many opportunities for students to potentially learn another language, embrace another culture, and enhance their academic experience. While coordinating recruits from other countries with the use of agents can be useful due to their knowledge of the national market and local customs, it calls into question the vetting process and incentive agents may have when recruiting. In the upcoming Virtual Forum, experts will examine the use of agents in international programs. Register Now for “What’s the Right Use of International Recruitment Agents?” on Wednesday, January 25th at 2 p.m. ET. Learn more and register here.	1 hour
				
On-Demand	Self-paced	Online Development	InsideHigherEd - Virtual Learning Series. Browse our recent and coming topics, and join a discussion with national experts and leading practitioners on how to chart a course forward. Timely and relevant live and virtual events regarding enrollment trends, admissions, counseling/advising/pathways, teaching/learning/engagement, retention/persistence, diversity/equity/inclusion, and more! Virtual editorial webcasts as well as vendor webcasts. Free learning service. Learn more and register here.	1-hour sessions
				
Friday, January 27, 2023	10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Live Microsoft Teams	Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively to use the grade book function. The components discussed will vary in value to each attendee, however--they will help you become a more complete and knowledgeable user of the grade book tool. Bring your questions as well as expertise to this interactive session. This training series is organized and hosted by the VC Distance Education and Learning Technologies Director. To explore (and register for) other sessions related to Canvas, contact Crystal Tate . Sign up for this session here.	30 minute Session
				



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February 2023

Thursday,
February 13,
2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM

Live Webinar



NISOD Webinar Series –“ *LGBTQ+ Allyship in the Classroom.*” Join the facilitators of this session for a discussion about being an LGBTQ+ ally on your campus and in your classroom. Learn about the community and how to develop safe spaces for students who identify as LGBTQ+. The session includes information sharing, reflective exercises, and interactive activities to help participants become more informed and effective allies. **CEU Eligible.** Learners will have the option to earn a certificate of attendance or a certificate with CEUs upon completion of the webinar. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). **FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required.** [For more info and to register, click here.](#)

1 hour
CEU Eligible

Thursday,
February 16,
2023

10:00A—
11:00 AM

Live Webinar



ERS Wellness Webinar – “*Life's Essential 8 with Dr. Eduardo Sanchez.*” What is your ideal cardiovascular health and how can you attain it for a long and healthy life? In this webinar, Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Chief Medical Officer for the American Heart Association (AHA) walks us through the playbook for achieving ideal cardiovascular health. Dr. Sanchez will share the AHA’s valuable tool Life’s Essential 8, outlining seven predictors of heart health and the pathway for achieving ideal cardiovascular health. Life’s Essential 8® includes four modifiable behaviors (not smoking, eating healthy, being physically active, and sleeping) and four biometric measures (weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar). This webinar will give you actionable steps and resources for protecting and preserving your heart health. Dr. Sanchez will also discuss AHA programs that are addressing aspects of Life’s Essential 8®. Take the [AHA's My Life Check](#) assessment to receive your personalized Heart Health Score. [For more information and to register.](#)

1 hour



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Friday, February 17, 2023 10:00 AM—11:00 AM Live Webinar Via Teams



Vernon College Professional Learning Community – “Shared Governance with Dr. Paula Whitman.” Join Dr. Paula Whitman as she discusses aspects of her doctoral dissertation on shared governance. Shared governance is a major tenet in the organization of higher education. Dr. Whitman will provide a brief explanation of shared governance in higher education and will share the results of the 2023 Community College Shared Governance Survey. This survey polled faculty leaders in Texas Community Colleges regarding the level of faculty authority in institutional decision-making. This quantitative study extended the 2021 American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Shared Governance survey to include community colleges in Texas using the same survey instrument. Percentages of responses by decision-making area for Texas community colleges will be presented along with comparisons to AAUP results. This study provides a relative benchmark for statewide faculty authority that is beneficial for individual college comparison and future studies. All are welcome! [Sign up here!](#) You will receive an invite to the Microsoft Teams event.

1 hour

Friday, February 17, 2023 10:00 AM—11:30 AM [Vernon Campus, RM 423](#)
[Century City, RM 712](#)







Vernon College Professional Learning Community – “Mental Health Matters: Anxiety Discussion” Friday, February 17, from 10-11:30, offers an opportunity for an anxiety discussion at both the Vernon and Century City campuses. Mental health professionals will be presenting on anxiety (what anxiety is, local statistics regarding anxiety in our area, how to recognize and treat it, as well as impacts on and helping students cope). Representatives from Rock Crossing Counseling (Vernon) and Positive Frame of Mind Counseling (Wichita Falls) will present the discussion. Sponsored by Student Services. **Vernon Campus employees** [sign up to attend here](#), **Century City Campus employees** [sign up to attend here](#).

1.5 hours



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Thursday, February 23, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM	Live Webinar	<p>NISOD Webinar Series – “Thinkers, Feelers, Introverts, Extraverts: Understanding and Communicating Better With Your Students.” The diversity of students today requires individualized approaches to communication. Using examples from their classes, the facilitators help others understand and communicate better with their students. The challenges that may have occurred in the past, and strategies available to overcome them, are discussed. There are no personality types that are better or worse, healthier or frailer. Each type has its inherent strengths and potential weaknesses. CEU Eligible. Learners will have the option to earn a certificate of attendance or a certificate with CEUs upon completion of the webinar. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	1 hour CEU Eligible
 				
<h2>March 2023</h2>				
Thursday, March 02, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Live Webcast	<p>The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “The New Faculty Retirement Landscape” In 2023, goals of retirement are fading for higher-ed faculty. Because of inflation, a volatile stock market, and reduced employer contributions, about 25 percent of faculty members say they’ve had to delay their retirement. While this is a growing pain for individual faculty members, it also presents dilemmas for institutions trying to manage an academic workforce. Join us on March 2 for a virtual forum as we explore the current state of the faculty workforce, evolving retirement plans, and what institutions can do to put their employees on an efficient path forward. Host: Liz McMillen, executive editor, Chronicle Intelligence, The Chronicle of Higher Education. With Support From TIAA. Learn more and register here.</p>	1 hour
				
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Monday, March 06, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Live Webinar	<p>NISOD Webinar Series – “Five Strategies for Teaching and Reaching African American and Latino Students.” Community colleges nationwide are experiencing increased enrollment of African American and Latino students. At the same time, these students graduate and transfer at significantly lower rates than their white counterparts. This disparity points to a need to teach and reach marginalized populations more effectively. This webinar elaborates on five ways educators can use restorative and culturally responsive teaching practices to reduce opportunity gaps for Black and Brown students. CEU Eligible. Learners will have the option to earn a certificate of attendance or a certificate with CEUs upon completion of the webinar. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	1 hour CEU Eligible
Wednesday, March 08, 2023	NOON— 1:00 PM	Live Webinar	<p>ERS Wellness Webinar – “How Ultra-Processed Foods Impact Your Health: Proof That Food Is Medicine” Wondr Health is hosting a webinar on March 8th at noon CT in support of National Nutrition Month. In this “kitchen tableside chat”, Wondr Health instructor and obesity and lifestyle medicine physician, Dr. Richa Mittal, will share easy ways (and a fun recipe!) to reduce inflammation, prevent disease, and use food as a source of healing in your unique health journey – without giving up the foods you love. For more information and to register.</p>	1 hour
Wednesday, March 08, 2023	12:00PM— 1:00 PM CST	Live Webinar	<p>Limeaide Company Culture Wellness Solutions – “A Panel Discussion with the Women Leading the DigitALL Evolution.” Celebrate International Women’s Day by joining a dynamic panel discussion with Dr. Patti Fletcher, Chief Marketing Officer at Limeaide and Global Workplace Equity Advocate, Hannah Gai, Founder and Managing Director of Empire Lane Advisory in Australia and Yuri Brown-Cruzat, Founder and Managing Director at EPIC Inclusion Solutions. They’ll discuss how organizations can create a more equitable, caring and inclusive workplace where all women feel seen, heard, understood and cared for and how updated business practices, enabled by technology, can infuse well-being into everyone’s workday. Complimentary learning platform! For more information and to register.</p>	1-hour session



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<p>Wednesday, March 08, 2023</p> <p>1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST</p> <p>Live Webcast</p>		<p>The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “ChatGPT and Other Cutting-Edge Learning Tech.” Much has been said about the potential — and potential pitfalls — of AI tools like ChatGPT. What do faculty members and administrators need to know as they look toward a more AI-enabled academic future? The Chronicle brings together a panel of experts to discuss this hot-button issue in a virtual forum, “ChatGPT and Other Cutting-Edge Learning Tech.” Join us to hear their thoughts on topics like: What educators need to know about research, writing, tutoring, and grading tools such as ChatGPT and other generative AI tools. How colleges can best prepare their faculty members to teach with and about AI. How to teach students to use AI tools wisely. Host: Beth McMurtrie, senior writer, The Chronicle of Higher Education. <i>With Support From SMU. Learn more and register here.</i></p>	1 hour
<p>Thursday, March 09, 2023</p> <p>10:00 AM— 11:00 AM</p> <p>Live Webinar</p>		<p>ERS Wellness Webinar – “Maximizing your Time and Health with Meal Planning & Mindful Eating” In this interactive webinar we will discuss ways to develop a meal and strategies to eat mindfully throughout the day. Much of our daily actions are habits. What we buy, how we cook, when, and how we eat each day is often driven by our subconscious brain, not conscious decision-making. In this webinar, we will explore ways to establish healthy shopping and eating habits through the following strategies: maximizing trips to the store, developing your unique family meal planner based on your preferences, cooking ability, budget and time, and <i>mindful eating</i>. For more information and to register.</p>	1 hour
<p>Wednesday, March 15, 2023</p> <p>1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST</p> <p>Live Webinar</p>		<p>InsideHigherEd Virtual Learning Series – “Paths to Institutional Prosperity at a Time of Constrained Resources.” This webcast, featuring Inside Higher Ed Editors Doug Lederman and Scott Jaschik, will examine some of the strategies colleges and universities are embracing to strengthen their short-, mid- and long-term sustainability. In particular, they will discuss the various forms of partnerships and cross-institutional collaborations, from longstanding approaches such as consortiums and buying collaboratives to emergent strategic alliances such as public-private partnerships and supporting organizations. Learn more and register here.</p>	1 hour



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Thursday, March 16, 2023	12:00PM— 1:00 PM CST	Live Webinar	<p>Limeade Company Culture Wellness Solutions – “Reimagining Rewards and Benefits for the Modern Workforce.” In the modern world, work has changed dramatically, requiring businesses to make numerous adjustments. While technology is becoming more advanced and the needs of the workforce are shifting, one area that has been left behind is how organizations reward their staff. In fact, compensation and benefits are now a leading indicator of employee retention. In this exclusive Limeade and HRD Connect webinar, we will: Explore the challenges and opportunities in reevaluating your companies rewards and benefits; look at behavior changes that managers can embrace to support employees in meeting their well-being needs and goals; discuss what modern rewards and benefits might look like Complimentary learning platform! For more information and to register.</p>	1-hour session
				
Monday, March 27, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Live Webinar	<p>NISOD Webinar Series – “Pronouns: Why They Matter.” People often make assumptions about a person’s gender based on that person’s appearance or name. These assumptions could send a potentially harmful message that people have to look a certain way to resemble their gender. Using someone’s correct personal pronouns is a way to respect them and create an inclusive environment, just as using a person’s preferred name can be a way to respect them. This webinar, intended for academic professionals, including academic advisors, student support services, and administrative support professionals, provides participants with an overview of gender identity and gender expression and their significance for higher education contexts, as well as introductory strategies and resources for integrating preferred names and gender pronouns into daily practices. CEU Eligible. Learners will have the option to earn a certificate of attendance or a certificate with CEUs upon completion of the webinar. To earn a certificate with CEUs, the learner must successfully pass the learning assessment with a score of 80% or higher. All learners must complete the webinar evaluation to earn credentials. The duration of this webinar is one hour, which equates to 0.1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU). FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	1 hour CEU Eligible
				




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Tuesday, March 28, 2023	2:00 PM— 2:30 PM	Live Microsoft Teams	Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively to use the grade book function. The components discussed will vary in value to each attendee, however--they will help you become a more complete and knowledgeable user of the grade book tool. Bring your questions as well as expertise to this interactive session. This training series is organized and hosted by the VC Distance Education and Learning Technologies Director. To explore (and register for) other sessions related to Canvas, contact Crystal Tate . Sign up for this session here.	30 minute Session
				
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April 2023

Wednesday, April, 05, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Live Webcast	The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “Overcoming the Enrollment Challenges Facing Rural Colleges.” Rural America is changing. As demographics continue to shift and fewer local graduates feed the applicant pool, rural colleges are facing the same challenge: what to do about enrollment. To examine how colleges can overcome these challenges, The Chronicle will bring together a panel of admissions leaders from rural colleges across the country for a candid discussion. Learn more and register here.	1 hour
				



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Tuesday,
April 11, 2023

12:00PM—
1:00 PM CST

Live Webinar



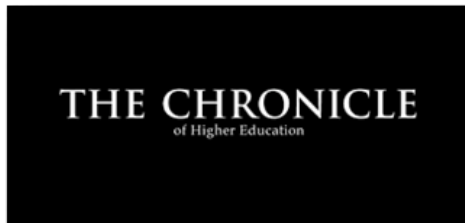
Limeade Company Culture Wellness Solutions – “How to Create a Culture that Supports the Well-being of a Multi-Generational Workforce.” Join Limeade for a fireside chat with Dr. Gabby Burlacu, Future of Work Research Manager at Accenture and Dr. Patti Fletcher, Chief Marketing Officer at Limeade to discuss the opportunities and challenges organizations face and the role HR plays in bridging the gap to create a culture that supports a multi-generational workforce. Complimentary learning platform! [For more information and to register.](#)

1-hour
session

Wednesday,
April 12, 2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM CST

Live Webcast



The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “The Responsive Campus.” The new generation of college students expects more from their institutions than ever before. As digital natives, they are accustomed to always-on services and expect their colleges to respond to their needs with the same sense of immediacy. How can colleges adjust? “The Responsive Campus,” an upcoming Chronicle Virtual Forum, looks at the issue head-on. We’ve assembled a panel of administrators to share their experiences about the changing expectations of students and offer new ways to meet them. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 hour

Thursday,
April 13, 2023

10:00 AM—
11:00 AM

Live Webinar






ERS Wellness Webinar – “Building Resilience & Managing Stress with Lacy Wolff, MS.” Join ERS speaker Lacy Wolf for a 60-minute webinar on strategies to be more resilient and aware of how stress impacts health. Stress can be a great tool when experienced in the right amount at the right time. It helps us improve performance and achieve goals. Most likely, accomplishments you’re most proud of caused some stress in your life. While stress has an upside, it is possible to experience too much and harm our health in several ways. [For more information and to register.](#)

1 hour



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Friday, April 14, 2023	10:30 AM-11:00 AM	Century City Campus, RM 701	 <p>Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively to use the grade book function. The components discussed will vary in value to each attendee, however--they will help you become a more complete and knowledgeable user of the grade book tool. Bring your questions as well as expertise to this interactive session. This training series is organized and hosted by the VC Distance Education and Learning Technologies Director. To explore (and register for) other sessions related to Canvas, contact Crystal Tate. Sign up for this session here.</p>	30 minute Session
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST	Live Webcast	 <p>The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “Helping Students Navigate the ‘Hidden Curriculum’.” There’s more to the completion of a degree than academics — and as more and more first-generation students make their way onto campus, colleges are recognizing that those students need more support outside the classroom, particularly when it comes to the “hidden curriculum.” How can colleges help first-gen students understand the intricate, often unwritten rules of college policies, procedures, and campus culture unfamiliar to their families? We’ve assembled a panel of experts to examine the issue at a coming virtual forum, “Helping Students Navigate the ‘Hidden Curriculum.’” Join us as we discuss how colleges and universities are shifting priorities and developing strategies to help their students overcome those challenges and realize their full potential. Learn more and register here.</p>	1 hour
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Monday,
April 24,
2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM CST

Live Webinar



NISOD Webinar Series – “When Students Have Ninety-Nine Problems and Your Syllabus Is One: Five Equity-Minded Practices That Remove Barriers for Success.”

Many community college students face several barriers that threaten their ability to meet academic goals, including work, competing obligations with family and friends, and bills that make paying for college difficult. Yet, with hope, they enroll at community colleges with a desire to change the trajectory of their lives, only to be met with policies that exacerbate the pressures they already face. Many times, the syllabus paints the class as one more problem they must overcome, lengthening the path to their success rather than providing a roadmap for its attainment. This webinar helps instructors recognize some of the barriers created by the tone and policies in the syllabus and provides strategies for using the syllabus as a tool to create a clearer path to students’ success.

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1 hour
**CEU
Eligible**

Thursday,
May 04,
2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM CST

Live Webinar



NISOD Webinar Series – “Data Dashboards for Holistic, Collaborative, and Data-Informed Decisions by Faculty, Staff, and Institutional Leadership.”

During this webinar, the Research Institute at Dallas College brings together faculty, staff, and administrators to explore how data dashboards can help build a data-informed culture, communicate actionable research results throughout an institution, and guide strategies at every level, from classroom instruction to executive leadership. The facilitators share best practices for dashboard users and creators (no research experience required!) and provide robust tools that participants can use at their institutions. **CEU Eligible.**

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