





Summer 2023 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar






On Demand Development Opportunities

| DATE | TIME | VENUE | EVENT | PD HOURS |
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| On-Demand | Self- paced | Virtual Development | <p>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.</p> | 1-hour sessions |
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| On-Demand | Self- paced | Virtual Development | <p>NISOD Webinar Series – Archives. NISOD schedules a series of year-round, high-quality, and thought-provoking webinars. Led by community and technical college leaders and other experts in the field, NISOD webinars enable faculty members to conveniently learn about best practices and cutting-edge research related to effective teaching. The combination of powerful expertise and interactive technology promises to bring new life to professional development on campuses around the world. SE a listing of archived webinars to meet your professional development needs! FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required Learn more and register here.</p> | 1-hour sessions |
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| On-Demand | Self- paced | Online Development | <p>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! Tailor your professional development to your own needs and interests! Access Starlink, set up an account (it is free), check out the Member Area, and/or browse the Programs/Course Catalog Option. Your way! Get started today! Summer 2023 Suggested Titles: “FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 2023” “How Can I Teach Soft Skills to Better Prepare Students for the Workplace?” “How Do I Lead Change from the Middle?” “How Can I Create a Platform for Difficult Conversations in the Online Classroom?” “10 Tips to Collaborate with Colleagues.” Certificates awarded after completion. Login here to get started!</p> | 15-25 Minutes |
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| On Demand | Self-paced | Online Development | On Demand Professional Development with SafeColleges Training. Get ‘just in time’ training your way through SafeColleges! See a variety of sessions on Athletics, Emergency management, Health Human Resources, Social Behavior and Transportation! Tailor your professional development to your own needs and interests! Access SafeColleges using your Vernon College email address, review required and/or suggested topics on the homepage, or scroll down to “View Library.” Your way! Get started today! Summer 2023 Suggested Titles: Making Campus Safe for LGBTQ+ Students, Crisis Response and Recovery, Stress Management, Student Mental Health. Certificates awarded after completion. Login here to get started! | 15-25 minutes |
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| On-Demand | Self-paced | Online Development | Limeaide Company Culture Wellness Solutions. 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 gives every employee the opportunity to offer — and find — inspiration and accountability, while giving managers and leaders the actionable tools to make company support real. Through a diverse listing of titles, infuse well-being into your department, amplify care and, drive meaningful well-being improvement by understanding what your people really need. Browse for live and on demand titles that promise to revitalize your department/company culture. Complimentary learning service. FMI here. | 1-hour sessions |
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| On-Demand | Self-paced | Online Development | The Chronicle of Higher Ed – 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 leadership, teaching and learning, finance and operations, and diversity/equity/inclusion. Complimentary learning service. Learn more and register here. | 1-hour sessions |
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| 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 well as vendor webcasts. Free learning service. Learn more and register here. | 1-hour sessions |
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| On-Demand | Self-paced | Online Development | Online Learning Consortium Virtual Learning Series. The Online Learning Consortium™ (OLC) is a collaborative community of higher education leaders and innovators, dedicated to advancing quality digital teaching and learning experiences designed to reach and engage the modern learner – anyone, anywhere, anytime . Attend OLC on demand webinars hosted by online experts covering timely and relevant industry topics, best practices, and special interests. Free learning service! Learn more and register here. | 1-hour sessions |
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| On-Demand | Self-paced | Online Development | AAC&U Virtual Learning Series. AAC&U webinars highlight the work being done at colleges and universities around the country to address challenges and identify best practices for enhancing the teaching and learning experience, demonstrating the value of liberal education, and preparing students to contribute to a diverse democracy and global citizenship. Browse a variety of timely and relevant topics for staff, faculty and administrators. Complimentary Sessions. Learn more, register here. | 1-hour sessions |
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Live Events

Monday,
May 15, 2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM CST

Online
Development



The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “*The Talent Crisis in Higher Education.*” Colleges are confronting the tough realities of today’s hiring climate. Top applicants for jobs have high expectations of their employers, and as they seek greater flexibility and higher pay, institutions are seeing fewer applications from qualified candidates. How can colleges and universities remain competitive? The Chronicle will convene a panel of experts to examine the issue at a coming virtual forum, “The Talent Crisis in Higher Education.” [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 hour

Tuesday,
May 16, 2023

1:00 PM—
2:00 PM CST

Live Webinar



The Association for Institutional Research (AIR) Webinar Series – “*Common Education Data Improves Postsecondary Outcomes*” Since 2020, 116 public and private postsecondary institutions, postsecondary organizations (e.g., SHEEO, AIR), P-20W solution providers and states joined forces together to refine and advance Postsecondary data elements that have been a part of CEDS since 2012. The updates made by this working group expanded the CEDS postsecondary and workforce domains, identified and operationalized priority use cases for research, and developed best practices for sharing data between researchers and state education agencies. The CEDS team has also teamed up with IHEP to explore the benefits of CEDS for the student-level postsecondary data system proposed in the College Transparency Act. In this webinar, participants will learn about why they should consider engaging with CEDS, the free resources (including a P-20W data system and data reporting system) available through CEDS, and how their agencies can get involved. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 hour



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| Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 1:00 PM— 2:00 PM CST | Online Development | | 1 hour |
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The Chronicle of Higher Ed Virtual Learning Series – “Academic Integrity and AI”
 Since emerging, in November 2022, ChatGPT has raised questions about how artificial intelligence will change the future of work. When it comes to the classroom, ChatGPT can churn out acceptable college-level essays and other assignments. How should instructors respond to this innovation to AI-proof their classrooms? Join The Chronicle on May 16 as we convene a panel of instructional experts to discuss what ChatGPT means for academic integrity and explore the other opportunities that machine-learning and artificial-intelligence tools can create for plagiarism. This hourlong discussion will provide you with expert insights to navigate this unforeseen landscape in academic integrity, and stop cheating before it hits your classroom. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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| Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 1:00PM— 2:00PM CST | Online Development | | 1 hour |
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InsideHigherEd Virtual Learning Series – “Helping Students Bridge the Gap Between College and Career.” In their 2022 State of Higher Ed survey, the [NSLS](#) found that learning outcomes and career preparedness far outweigh other factors in a student's decision to attend college. This webinar will break down how we can meet students halfway and deliver opportunities to help them develop the skills that will drive their success post-graduation. Join an engaging discussion about the ways campus leaders can set students up for success in the competitive job market. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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| Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 12:00A— 1:00PM | Live Webinar | | 1 hour |
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ERS Wellness Webinar – “Women's Health Q&A with Dr. Elisa Brown-Pruett, M.D.” Join us for a live webinar to have your questions answered about women’s health by Dr. Elisa Brown-Pruett, M.D. Women face health different health challenges and have different health risks than men. Dr. Brown can answer your questions on topics related to pregnancy, hormones, incontinence, sexual health, perimenopause, menopause, cancer screening and more. Submit your questions in advance to lacy.wolff@ers.texas.gov or bring them to the webinar! [Learn more and register here.](#)



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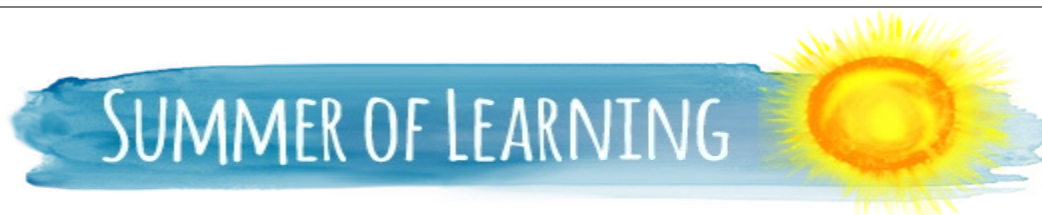
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| Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 1:00PM— 2:00PM CST | Live Webinar | Online Learning Consortium Webinar Series – “AI in Higher Ed: Opportunities and Threats” How will artificial intelligence (AI) tools (such as ChatGPT and Bard) affect online, blended, and digital learning in higher education? Join us for a panel discussion on the opportunities and threats associated with this emerging technology. With the release of the AI chatbot ChatGPT in late 2022, many instructors, support staff, and institutional leaders are concerned about the impact on academic honesty in higher education. Others see AI as a potentially useful pedagogical tool, not unlike other disruptive technologies that initially spawned controversy, such as the internet, mobile devices, and social media. Bring to this webinar your questions and an open mind! Learn more and register here. | 1 hour |
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| Thursday, May 25, 2023 | 10:00A— 11:00AM | Live Webinar | ERS Wellness Webinar – “Finding Strength in Connection featuring Todd Whitthorne.” What makes a good life? In this webinar we will dive into the longest ongoing happiness research study in the world, the Harvard Study of Adult Development, to discuss what makes a truly happy life. Physical activity, nutrition, sleep and stress management are all important, but there is one factor that consistently rises to the top as the most important: the quality and strength of our relationships. Through Todd’s unique way of blending storytelling and education, prepare to take away insights and strategies while being thoroughly entertained! Learn more and register here. | 1 hour |
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| Tuesday, May 30, 2023 | 12:00PM— 1:00PM CST | Live Webinar | AAC&U Webinar Series – “SHE LEADS: Managing & Navigating Change in Higher Education.” Change in higher education can take many forms, as can the ways campus leaders approach it. Focused on how individuals who identify as women show up as leaders, this webinar will explore some of these forms and approaches. The presenters are seasoned leaders from varied higher education contexts who have navigated transition and transformation successfully—facilitating changes to roles and responsibilities amid disruption, leading in interim roles, and during significant changes in institutional leadership. In addition to identifying types of transformation, including rethinking instructional modalities and how people work, the presenters will address communication, trust, and well-being. Complimentary Session. Learn more, register here. | 1 hour |
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Summer 2023 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar



Monday,
June 05,
2023

1:00PM—
2:00PM

Live Webinar

NISOD Webinar Series – “Excellence and Higher Education: Post COVID-19.” This webinar demonstrates the urgent need for enhancing excellence in higher education in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants learn how to outreach more effectively to a diverse array of persons and institutions, including: Students, families, administrators, politicians, businesses, and citizens. Community college educators are highly trained professionals whose expertise enhances the citizen skill base and their understanding of the function and value of democracy in a civil society. It is vital to communicate the urgent need for narrative and funding support to ensure the success of community colleges. **FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required** [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 hour



Tuesday,
June 06, 2023

1:00PM—
2:00PM CST

Live Webinar

Online Learning Consortium Webinar Series – “How Educational Technology Improves the Exam Experience” Advancements in educational technology have made online assessments more authentic, interactive, and accessible for students than ever before. Exams, in particular, can be made both more equitable and more effective at assessing student learning. With the integration of third-party tools to improve engagement, AI that personalizes the experience, proctoring software that offers flexibility, and assistive technologies that ensure equitable access and opportunity for every student, the options seem endless. However, these technologies are often used in isolation or piecemeal with other tools, which can create inconsistencies and frustration for both students and instructors. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 hour



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| Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 1:00PM— 2:00PM | Live Webinar | NISOD Webinar Series – “Using the Groupme App to Increase Student Engagement in Online Courses.” Students in online courses often don't have the option to interact live with instructors and other students. With more students taking online courses in the post-COVID era, creating opportunities for such interaction becomes problematic. To address this issue, I have used the free GroupMe app to engage in weekly chat sessions with students in my online courses. With this app, students in a particular class can interact with one another and the instructor through text messaging, a communication format that they are comfortable using. The GroupMe app has a polling feature, which can be used to ask students questions regarding the weekly reading assignments. Through the app, the instructor can post links to a Google Jamboard or a Padlet, where students can post written responses to an instructor's questions. Instructors can post links to Kahoot and Quizizz and allow students to compete for points by answering multiple-choice questions. FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required Learn more and register here. | 1 hour |
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| Monday, July 10, 2023 | 1:00PM— 2:00PM | Live Webinar | NISOD Webinar Series – “Recognizing and Reducing Implicit Bias in the Classroom.” Recent studies have shown that the opportunity gap persists for students of color in community colleges. Increasingly, students of color are making community colleges their first choice in higher education to seek certification, marketable job skills, or a degree; however, they are not completing their education at the same rate as their White counterparts. While any number of factors may contribute to this gap, we cannot rule out implicit bias as a factor. Biases not only have a negative impact on students' self-esteem, they can reduce students' will to try, resulting in inequitable outcomes. This webinar paints a picture of what implicit bias looks like in the classroom and provides strategies for reducing biases that inevitably impact students' success. FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required Learn more and register here. | 1 hour |
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Summer 2023 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar



Thursday,
August 03,
2023

1:00PM—
2:00PM

Live Webinar

NISOD Webinar Series – “Planning Effective Lectures Online and In-Person.” This webinar helps instructors effectively plan their lectures to incorporate teaching practices for adult learners as well as technology that doesn't make the student feel like a child. Using elevated K-12 teaching practices allows community and technical college educators to elicit critical thinking from students and increase student engagement. **FREE. NISOD account sign-up with a VC e-mail account is required** [Learn more and register here.](#)

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Volunteering Opportunities Calendar

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| Ongoing | Mobile Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule | 1230 Midwestern Parkway Wichita Falls, TX 76302 | Wichita Falls Area Food Bank. Since 1982 the Wichita falls Area Food Bank has distributed food free of charge to the clients of charitable partner agencies and programs operating in 12 North Texas counties. The success of their mission depends upon the active compassion and participation of their supporters—you! Currently, the WFAFB is in dire need of volunteers! Teams/departments are encouraged to volunteer together! In addition to making a difference, contributing to the community, and meeting new people, participants receive 3 hours of community service professional development credit. To receive more information and volunteer, please complete the volunteer application . | 3 hours |
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| Ongoing | Volunteer Schedule | 1300 Travis St, Wichita Falls, TX 76301 | Faith Mission of Wichita Falls. The mission of Faith Mission is to “Provide Christ-centered programs and services that lead the homeless towards self-sufficiency.” This challenge is only accomplished through collaborative efforts with the community, unique social service programs, volunteers, staff, and a strong Board of Directors. Faith Mission serves the homeless through two shelters, Faith Mission and Faith Refuge. All services are made possible through the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations. Faith Resale & Donation Center also returns profits to help with operating expenses of both shelters. There are many ways Vernon College can partner with Wichita Falls Faith Mission to minister to the hungry, hurting, homeless, and disadvantaged persons. In addition to making a difference, contributing to the community, and meeting new people, participants receive 3 hours of community service professional development credit. See the volunteer need here. Register yourself here. Register your departmental team here. | 3 hours |
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| Ongoing | 10:30AM-12:30AM Monday through Friday | 1008 Burnett Street Wichita Falls, TX 76301 | Meals on Wheels-Wichita Falls. The Kitchen serves over 850 seniors, homebound and disabled individuals each weekday Monday through Friday through their Meals on Wheels program. To continue this critical mission, Meals on Wheels of Wichita Falls is in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Loading and delivery take place between 10:30AM -12:30PM, and ideally, delivery is completed no later than 1:30PM. If you and/or your team/department would like to participate, please contact volunteer coordinator Lee Grace directly at 940.631.8920 or lgrace@thekitchenwf.org . Complete the volunteer application here. In addition to making a difference, contributing to the community, and meeting new people, participants receive 3 hours of community service professional development credit. Together, we can deliver! | 3 hours |
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