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June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Managing Customer Service Seminar. You may already understand that top-notch customer service begins with knowing your customers and their needs, but do you know how to evaluate those customers, or better yet, what to do with the data once you have it? You will take a look at that, as well as identify how your customer service stacks up right now, and how you can build on even the sharpest of service policies. In addition, you will learn how to communicate, resolve complaints, and build long-lasting customer service programs. 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and course completion. Appropriate for all college personnel!</p>	3 hours
June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Keys to Effective Communication Seminar. If you often find yourself at a loss for words or lack confidence in your communication abilities, you will appreciate this course. Each lesson works through the step-by-step process needed to become a great conversationalist. You will learn to use communication to build rapport and create environments of trust, warmth, and respect. Become more confident, create a great first impression, get along well with others, and create more and better personal and professional relationships. 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and completion. Appropriate for all college personnel!</p>	3 hours
June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Fundamentals of Supervision and Management Seminar. Become a more effective manager by learning the language of business management. This course provides skills in managing time, delegating responsibility, motivating your employees, solving problems and resolving conflicts so you can accomplish your job more effectively. 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and completion. Appropriate for all managers and administrators!</p>	3 hours



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June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Small Business Marketing on a Shoestring Seminar. Discover how to use the same marketing tricks the big companies employ and create a personalized plan without clearing out your bank account. This course will help you master cost effective marketing strategies the provide results with hands-on activities and real-world examples. 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and completion. Appropriate for marketing personnel and administrators!</p>	3 hours
June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Marketing Your Business on the Internet. Find out how to market your business on the Internet, even if you have little or no money to spend! In this practical, hands-on course, you will discover proven methods that will help you establish an Internet presence and build an online brand identity. You will learn how search engine optimization (SEO) works and how to track your site's performance using web analytics. You will discover how to use online advertising, email marketing, and social media (including blogs) to drive business to your website. Finally, you will learn how to keep your visitors coming back repeatedly! 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and completion. Appropriate for marketing personnel and administrators!</p>	3 hours
June 2020	NA	Online Seminar	 <p>Twelve Steps to a Successful Job Search. In this course, you will learn to identify the job that is best a best fit for our students. Attendees will then be given complete step-by-step instructions on how to get that job, regardless of level of expertise or state of the economy. Learn techniques to build rapport with any interviewer, both verbally and non-verbally, while mastering the six phases of a successful job interview. 3 month/24 hour access to the course. Register and access here. Contact Tina Duke for more information regarding registration and completion. Appropriate for all career services and counseling personnel!</p>	3 hours



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June 2020	NA	Webinar Series	 <p>Microsoft Teams for Education Webinar Series. Faculty are encouraged to participate in free webinars tailored specifically to educational contexts. The content covers best practices using Microsoft Teams as a digital hub that brings conversations, assignments, and apps together in one place. Hosted directly by the Microsoft Teams Product Group, select from the on-demand trainings and/or live webinar trainings provided within the link below. Be mindful that Microsoft Teams is a free application for students and faculty. Appropriate for all faculty. Available Microsoft Teams Trainings</p>	1 hour Sessions
Thursday, June 04, 2020	10:00AM--11:00AM; 12:00PM—1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>3 Simple Tips to Help Prevent the Top Threats to Men’s Health. “Recognizing and preventing men’s health problems is not just a man’s issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men’s health is truly a family issue” was stated by Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994) and continues to hold true, so sign up today to help safeguard men’s health. Men have an earlier occurrence of death for most of the leading causes compared to their female counterparts, as well as a higher death rate. The good news is that there are simple steps that men can take to help improve their health today! This webinar will focus on three simple steps that can help prevent the top threats for males. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, June 04 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour






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June 01, 02, 03, and June 06 2020	Vaious Shifts	Wichita Falls Area Food Bank 1230 Midwestern Parkway Wichita Falls, TX 76302	Volunteer Opportunity: Wichita Falls Area Food Bank. In their battle again food insecurity, the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank procures food that is distributed free of charge to the clients of charitable partner agencies and programs operating in 12 North Texas counties (Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Haskell, Jack, Knox, Montague, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Wichita, and Young). They cannot fight this battle alone. Hence, Pamela Tracy from The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank has reached out to Vernon College and is looking for volunteers to box food items for distribution. She has an immediate need for volunteers on Monday, June 01, Tuesday June 02, and Wednesday, June 03. Shifts available each day include 9-12 or 1-4. If you and/or your team can work any of these days/shifts, please contact Pamela Tracy directly at 940.766.2322. For those of you who cannot volunteer during the weekday, Ms. Tracy has set up a special time for Vernon College employees to volunteer on Saturday, June 06 from 9AM-12:00PM. If you and/or your team can work this Saturday shift, please contact Donnie Kirk directly to sign-up! See you soon!	3 hours
				
Monday, June 08, 2020	2:00PM—3:00PM CST	Webinar	Curating Accessible OER with Confidence. Open Educational Resources (OER) are available for any curriculum and can be accessed, used, adapted, and re-distributed at no cost. With careful consideration in the curation process, OER can be accessible to learners with disabilities. In this webinar, the presenters will introduce an openly available protocol for curating accessible OER. In preparation for this webinar, please review the definitions of OER from OER Commons . Register here for the webinar .	1 hours
				
Thursday, June 11, 2020	10:00AM--11:00AM; 12:00PM—1:00PM	Webinar	Walk on the Wild Side: How to Reap the Benefits of the Outdoors. Get inspired and informed with this webinar featuring the dynamic Rodney Franklin, Texas State Parks Division Director at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Growing up in rural Northeast Texas, Director Franklin became an avid outdoorsman, joining TPWD at the age of 17. Director Franklin will share his love of the outdoors and strategies for you and your family to enjoy the amazing health benefits of being outside. Simply being in nature has a calming effect on our minds and bodies. We will also get a firsthand look at the many opportunities made available through the State Parks system. As Director Franklin says, “Life is better outside!” This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, June 11 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM . Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.	1 hour
				



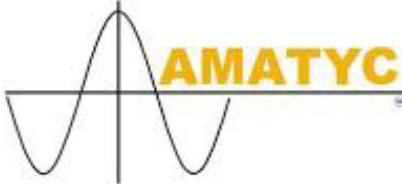


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Monday, June 15, 2020	2:00PM—3:00PM CST	Webinar	 <p>Personalizing the Writing Experience. While each person goes about the process of writing in their own unique way, four distinct steps are typically involved: pre-writing, drafting, revising and editing. Barriers in any of these steps of the writing process can keep some learners from accomplishing their goals. In this webinar, you will learn about the latest tools for removing barriers at each stage of the writing process, including concept mapping supports, dictation, word prediction, spell and grammar checkers and more. In preparation for this webinar, please review The Writing Process. Register here for the webinar. Register here for the webinar.</p>	1 hour
Thursday, June 18, 2020	1:00PM—2:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Five Simple Ways to Improve Engagement in College Success Courses for Better Outcomes. In October 2018, EdSurge released the research study "Measuring Up: How Community Colleges Define, Measure and Support Student Success." This study revealed important trends in student success initiatives, current practices for institutional analytics, and early indicators of student success at community colleges in the United States. This interactive webinar presents highlights from the study alongside five easy-to-implement methods that can be incorporated in college success courses to encourage and evaluate student engagement for better learning outcomes. Appropriate for all faculty. Register here.</p>	1 hour
Thursday, June 18, 2020	10:00AM-- 11:00AM; 12:00PM—1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Outdoor Workout Tips & Tricks. Research has shown a strong positive correlation between urban greenspace exposure and physical and emotional health. This webinar will help provide tips and tricks to help effectively combine outdoor greenspace exposure with workouts to get the most benefits possible from the great outdoors while optimizing safety and important exercise principles. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, June 18 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour





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Monday, June 22, 2020	2:00PM—3:00PM CST	Webinar	 Features in Accessibility: Microsoft's Tools in Practice. Have you taken a recent look at the robust features across Microsoft tools that improve learning opportunities for people with disabilities? They are built into the products that teachers, learners, and families may already be using. Join us to learn about these features, including how they are being used in instructional practice. If you have time before the webinar, we suggest that you take a look at Microsoft's Educator Center for special education and accessible resources for remote learning . Register here for the webinar .	1 hour
Thursday, June 25, 2020	10:00AM-- 11:00AM; 12:00PM—1:00PM	Webinar	 Quick Nutrition on the Go to Support Men's Health. Practical nutrition tips that can help anyone and everyone, especially men, will be discussed in this webinar. Lessons learned from being out on the road and still eating healthy will be shared from Texas Ranger Gary Phillips. This valuable information can help everyone find creative, yet simple ways, to eat healthy in a quick on the go environment on the road, in the office or any other challenge of life. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, June 25 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM . Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.	1 hour
June 2020	NA	Recorded Webinar	 Tips and Strategies for the Virtual Shift of Face-to-Face Math Classes Webinar (May 20th). Offered by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges , Fred Feldon and Paul Nolting share techniques to maintain instructional continuity, retention, active learning, and authentic assessment in online math classes. These techniques will also incorporate how to integrate math study skills strategies. See the recorded webinar here .	1.5 hours



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June 2020	NA	Online	 <p>SAFE COLLEGES TRAINING: Suggested Session: <i>Implicit Bias and Microaggression Awareness</i> (located within the “<i>Social and Behavioral</i>” Category). Participate in this online training and gain a better understanding of what implicit bias and microaggressions are, the science behind these concepts, and how to prevent imposing them on students and coworkers. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, and access the “Suggested Training” section on your My Assignments” homepage. Print your certificate! <u>Appropriate for all VC employees!</u> Log-in here to get started!</p>	1 hour
July 2020	NA	Recorded Webinar	 <p>Supporting Students with Anxiety and Depression. Supporting students with anxiety and depression can be challenging for many educators. Understanding what it is like to be in a classroom while dealing with anxiety and depression is the first step in helping students. Participants will leave this webinar with a deeper understanding of how teachers can support without victimizing the student; classroom procedures that are supportive and effective for helping students who are struggling; and strategies that empower students who are in the midst of a mental health challenge. Facilitator Polly Patrick is an Instructional and Leadership Coach for ICLE and an author. She loves activating learning in any group; young students or adults; struggling learners or high achievers. Polly works with educators across the country in the areas of brain-based learning, metacognition, instruction and engagement, school culture, assessment, grading and reporting, school improvement, mental health issues and multiple areas of literacy. Appropriate for all Student Services staff and faculty. View here.</p>	1 hour




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July 2020	NA	Recorded Webinar	<p>Making Equity Matter: Strategies for Getting the Conversation Started. It is human nature to disengage from conversations that make us uncomfortable, such as gaps in equity, issues around race and implicit bias, and the effects of acute, chronic, and complex trauma on students. Educators must be prepared to understand the messy, complex, emotional, cruel, shameful, and often contradictory messages that come with these topics in order to educate the whole child. In this eye-opening webinar, facilitator Dr. Tyrone Howard will introduce participants to why there is need to talk, teach, and learn across differences; share strategies to engage stakeholders in courageous conversations around subgroups, race-related topics, and the effects of trauma; and offer practical tips and ideas for starting the conversation and addressing inequities in schools. Appropriate for all Student Services staff and faculty. View here.</p>	1 hour
July 2020	NA	Recorded Webinar	<p>3 Big Ideas for Implementing Effective Social and Emotional Learning Strategies. Empowering teachers to design their own SEL instruction makes sense; they know their students best. However, many SEL programs adopted by schools consist of scripted and sequenced curricula designed to be used in a weekly 30-minute block often led by a school counselor or designated SEL facilitator. These programs tend to be expensive, require significant training and ongoing support, and limit individual autonomy or choice as adaptations or deviations from the script are seen as threats to program fidelity. Imagine an approach to SEL that is developmental, flexible, responsive to local needs, and focused on strategies for teachers to implement as appropriate, rather than a sequenced curriculum for them to follow. In this webinar, Dr. Stephanie Jones will share three big ideas to consider for reimagining how SEL can happen in and outside of school. Appropriate for all faculty. View here.</p>	1 hour



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Thursday, July 16, 2020	1:00PM—2:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Increasing Equity in STEM and Career Technical Education with Open Educational Resources. With the cost of college steadily increasing, many students struggle to afford the materials necessary for success in their courses. River Parishes Community College faculty Dr. Esperanza Zenon is tackling this issue by using and promoting open education resources (OER). This presentation will focus on using OER in STEM and career and technical courses to promote equity and reduce costs for students. Resources, tools, and processes used to evaluate, adopt, and adapt the OER materials used in STEM and CTE courses will be discussed. Appropriate for all faculty. Register here.</p>	1 hour
Friday, July 17, 2020	9:00AM-12:00PM	900 Central Fwy Wichita Falls, Texas	 <p>Wee-Chi-Tah Trail Trash Pickup Day. Fulfill three hours of community service hours here! Join Vernon College employees as we pickup trash along the beautiful Wee-Chi-Tah Trail System! We will assemble in the Texas Travel Center parking area located at 900 Central Fwy in Wichita Falls, TX at 9:00AM. Bug spray, pickers, and bags will be provided. Family and friends welcome. Sign yourself and your team up here!</p>	3 hours

