




Spring 2023 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar



DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
Due by March 31, 2023	Self-paced	Online Training	<p>SafeColleges Training – Required Vernon College Sessions. Be sure to complete your required SafeColleges Training by March 31st. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, 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! Login here to get started!</p>	2 hours
				
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! 2022—2023 Schedule of Sessions. Tailor your professional development to your own needs and interests! Access Starlink, 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. Login here to get started!</p>	20 Minute Sessions
				
Monday, January 09, 2023	8:30AM—4:00PM	Vernon College, Vernon Campus	<p>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 session. See the day’s agenda here and the breakout session options here.</p>	7.5 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
Thursday, January 12, 2023	10:00A—11:00AM	Live Webinar	<p>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.</p>	1 hour
Friday, January 13, 2023	8:30AM—12:00PM	Vernon College Century City Campus, RM. 302	<p>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 opportunity for networking, setting expectations, and collectively plan for a successful Spring 2023 term! Informative updates and division breakout sessions are scheduled.</p>	3.5 hours
Thursday, January 12, 2023	1:00PM—2:00PM	Live Webinar	<p>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 VC e-mail account required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	1 hour CEU Eligible



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Tuesday, January 17, 2022	12:00PM— 1: 00PM	Live Webinar	<p>Limeaide Company Culture Wellness Solutions – “Change Fatigue: How to Support Your Employees During Times of Change” 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. 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 on how they addressed change fatigue in their organizations. Complimentary learning platform! For more information and to register.</p>	1 hour session
				
Thursday, January 19, 2023	1:00PM— 2:00PM	Live Webinar	<p>NISOD Webinar Series –“First, Do No Harm: Equitable Grading Practices That Support Mastery.” 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 VC e-mail account required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	1 hour CEU Eligible
				
On Demand	Self-paced	Online Development	<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>	1 hour sessions
				



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<p>Wednesday, January 25, 2023</p>	<p>1:00PM— 2:00PM CST</p>	<p>Online Development</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>1 hour</p>
				
<p>On Demand</p>	<p>Self-paced</p>	<p>Online Development</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>1 hour sessions</p>
				
<p>Friday, January 27, 2023</p>	<p>10:30AM- 11:00AM</p>	<p>Live Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively use the gradebook 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 gradebook 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>	<p>30 minute Session</p>
				



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Thursday, February 13, 2023	1:00PM— 2:00PM	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 VC e-mail account required. For more info and to register, click here.	1 hour CEU Eligible
 				
Thursday, February 16, 2023	10:00A— 11:00AM	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 sleep) 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	10:00AM—11:00AM	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 2022 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
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Friday, February 17, 2023	10:00AM—11:30AM	Vernon Campus, RM 423	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 over anxiety (what anxiety is, local statistics about 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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<p>Thursday, February 23, 2023</p>	<p>1:00PM— 2:00PM</p>	<p>Live Webinar</p>	<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 own 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 own 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 VC e-mail account required. For more info and to register, click here.</p>	<p>1 hour CEU Eligible</p>
<p>Friday, March 17, 2023</p>	<p>10:30AM— 11:00AM</p>	<p>Century City Campus, RM 701</p>	<p>Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively use the gradebook 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 gradebook 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>	<p>30 minute Session</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 28, 2023</p>	<p>2:00PM— 2:30PM</p>	<p>Live Microsoft Teams</p>	<p>Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively use the gradebook 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 gradebook 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>	<p>30 minute Session</p>



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Friday, April 07, 2023	10:30AM- 11:00AM	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 use the gradebook 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 gradebook 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
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	2:00PM-2:30PM	Live Microsoft Teams	 <p>Spring 2023 Canvas Gradebook Training Opportunities. Canvas is a large application, with numerous features and functionalities. In this series, learn how effectively use the gradebook 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 gradebook 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

