




April 2025 Professional Development Calendar

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	The Chronicle of Higher Ed – Virtual Learning Series. Browse recent and coming topics and join a discussion with national experts and leading practitioners. Timely and relevant live and virtual events regarding leadership, teaching and learning, finance and operations, and diversity/equity/ inclusion. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR SESSIONS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	NISOD On-Demand – NISOD provides budget-friendly, high-quality, and faculty-focused programs and resources for community and technical colleges. For over 40 years, NISOD’s customer-focused approach has helped align our wide array of benefits with the needs of our members. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR SESSIONS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Learn more and start the course here.	2 HOURS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	STARLINK was established in 1989 with a Perkins State Leadership grant. Since its founding, STARLINK has been committed to empowering student success and providing exceptional professional development to higher education communities. Our online courses allow staff, faculty, adjuncts, and CEOs to take responsibility for their growth and development, giving them the ability to personalize their learning with on-demand courses. Learn more and register here.	30 MINUTE SESSIONS
				

TUESDAY,
APRIL 8, 2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

How to Appeal to a New Generation of Adult Learners – Many new students enrolling across colleges and universities don't fall within the traditional college-aged group. Confronted by a shift in sentiments around the value of a college education and an overall population decline in high-school-aged students over the next decade, higher-education institutions are looking for ways to engage this new generation of adult learners. They face life circumstances that impact their abilities to enroll in academic programs, whether that's juggling a full-time job, caring for a family, finding flexibility in coursework, or having the financial support to enroll in programs. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 9, 2025

12:00 – 1:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

AI-Enabled and Resistant Online Classroom: A Practical Guide to Multi-Modal Learning and Chatbots – Master the essential elements of creating engaging and effective professional development programs for educators. Learn proven strategies for designing learning experiences that resonate with adult learners while incorporating digital tools and best practices for maximum impact. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,
APRIL 10,
2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

Unapologetically Working for Change: What It Really Takes to Meet Students' Basic Needs – President Keith Curry of Compton College has a question: Do schools know what their students need to succeed? Many administrators think they do — but true innovation and creativity require setting those assumptions aside. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 11,
2025**

9:00 – 11:00 AM



In Person –
Vernon College

Autism Awareness Month - April is Autism Awareness Month, and the PASS Department will be offering an in-person presentation on both the CCC and VER campuses about autism. Learn about facts and statistics, stigma, ableism, and working with/supporting students with autism, along with available resources and highlights of people with autism. You can earn one hour of professional development for attending.

1 Hour

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 16,
2025**

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

Leveraging Learning & Development for Succession Planning – Effective succession planning ensures employee and leadership continuity by aligning employee growth with organizational needs. Companies of all types can begin struggling with succession as employees are retiring faster than ever. This session explores how curated learning pathways—from entry-level to executive leadership—support career progression. By structuring learning initiatives to match career stages, organizations can enhance engagement, retention, and readiness for leadership transitions. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 17,
2025**

1:00 – 2:00PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

A New Approach to Creating a College Ratings System – In 2024, NORC published College Ranking Systems: A Methodological Review. The work assessed the construct validity of five college rankings systems and found significant and pervasive methodological challenges. NORC has now partnered with Vanderbilt and several other institutions to develop an alternative approach to providing students and their advisors with information to help their college search, drawing on existing and novel data sources and new technologies to create a personalized, engaging, and credible source for this important information. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,
APRIL 24,
2025

1:00– 2:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORTING Minds, SUPPORTING Learners: Addressing Student Mental Health to Advance Academic Success –Mental health symptoms among college students have been rising dramatically for the past decade. These symptoms cause distress in all aspects of students' lives and impact their ability to focus on academic work, increasing the likelihood of negative outcomes and withdrawing from school. Community college teams must do better at leveraging knowledge to support students' mental health and well-being. In this session. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,
APRIL 24,
2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE
DEVELOPMENT

AI in Action: Real-World Innovations in Course and Program Integration – AI is no longer just a tool for course development—it's becoming an integral part of the learning experience itself. This webinar goes beyond the theoretical to showcase real-world examples of how AI features and applications are being embedded directly into courses and programs to enhance student engagement, personalize learning, and improve outcomes. Whether you're looking to experiment with AI in your own courses or scale AI-driven solutions across a program, this session will provide practical takeaways, lessons learned, and inspiration for meaningful AI adoption in digital learning. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

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1 HOUR

Ongoing Volunteering Opportunities

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
ONGOING	Mobile Pantry 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. Teams/departments are encouraged to volunteer together. To receive more information and volunteer, please complete the volunteer application .	3 HOURS
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.” Faith Mission serves the homeless through two shelters, Faith Mission and Faith Refuge. Faith Resale & Donation Center also returns profits to help with operating expenses of both shelters. See the volunteer need here. Register yourself here. Register your departmental team here.	3 HOURS
ONGOING	Events 		North Texas Special Olympics – The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. See the volunteer need and register here.	3 HOURS
ONGOING	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Monday through Friday 	1008 Burnett Street Wichita Falls, TX 76301	Meals on Wheels – The Kitchen serves over 850 seniors, homebound and disabled individuals each weekday Monday through Friday through their Meals on Wheels program. Loading and delivery take place between 10:30AM -12:30PM, and ideally, delivery is completed no later than 1:30PM. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 940.322.62320 or complete the volunteer application here.	3 HOURS