Teaching and Learning Hubs

In an effort to further our shared mission of fostering student success across the state, the Belk Center, Achieving the Dream (ATD) and the NC Student Success Center, are leveraging our considerable technical expertise, along with our trusted relationships with community college presidents and extensive statewide networks to create up to six Teaching and Learning Hubs at North Carolina’s community colleges.

Mission

The North Carolina Teaching and Learning Hubs will support full-and part-time faculty and staff educators from North Carolina community colleges in their efforts to build equity in learning and student success. Working with local campus networks to offer virtual and face-to-face workshops and seminars, these Hubs will help educators learn about, adopt, test and scale the evidence-based strategies that have increased equitable student success outcomes across the nation. Drawing on local and national expertise, Hubs will collaborate with campus leaders who want to advance their work and build capacity for supporting student, faculty and institutional learning.

Timeline: How We Got Here

- 2021: Survey offered to 58 of NC Community College System Chief Academic Officers on how professional learning is administered at his/her institution
- 2020: Self-assessment exercise offered to 15,000+ full-time and adjunct faculty within the NC Community College System to learn more about professional development needs and interests
- 2019: Teaching & Learning Case Studies conducted at Durham Tech, Wilkes, Catawba Valley, Lenoir, Forsyth Tech, and Central Carolina Community Colleges
- 2018: Dallas Herring Lecture call to action from Karen Stout, President & CEO of Achieving the Dream, on the need for focused attention on teaching and learning.
WHO WILL HUB PROGRAMS SEEK TO ENGAGE?

Hub programs will engage educators from North Carolina community colleges, particularly educators from the two co-hosts and affiliated campuses in the local area. Hub efforts will be led by co-directors, who, with affiliate campus faculty, will help shape the Hub’s content and offerings.

Initial Hub locations were identified based on their involvement in previous teaching and learning efforts and a demonstrated commitment to teaching and learning within all aspects of the college. Affiliate campuses are in local proximity to a Hub, and have existing professional learning embedded within their institutional priorities.

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED?

Hub programs will be designed in collaboration with educators and leaders from the host and affiliated campuses to ensure that they meet regional needs and support local campus student success initiatives. In fall 2020, data was gathered from NC faculty about their interests and campus needs; ongoing feedback will be an essential element for every Hub. Areas of focus include:

» Evidence-based pedagogies and practices that have been shown to build student learning and close equity gaps
» Validated high impact practices
» Culturally responsive pedagogies that can help build equity and engage first-generation students, students of color and low-income students
» Supporting participating campuses in capacity-building efforts to strengthen each institution’s professional learning programs

HOW CAN MY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GET INVOLVED?

We’re glad you asked!

Please contact us at: teachingandlearningbelkcenter@ncsu.edu to find out more.

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