February 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025	1:00 – 3:00 PM	ONLINE DEVEOLPMENT	**Using the PDP to Support a Student-Centered Continuous Quality Improvement Plan –** Continuous quality improvement (CQI) aims to create measurable improvement in an institution's efficiency and effectiveness in its operational practices and processes to improve student access, retention, and outcomes. This workshop provides participants with an understanding of the CQI process, using the PDP to identify a challenge facing a particular student population, constructing an improvement plan, and creating a strategy to share this process and findings with institutional stakeholders to create buy-in and effect change. Learn more and register here.	2 HOUR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025	12:00 – 1:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Aligning the Path Forward how Talent Intelligence brings HR and Business Strategy together –** Misalignment between your talent strategies and your business aren't just inconvenient obstacles. These disconnects create hurdles for even the most promising HR initiatives to support employees and organizational goals. Please join us as we present exclusive new research on the impacts of misalignment between HR and organizational goals. When HR and business priorities are out of sync, even the best strategies fall short in execution, leading to missed opportunities and diluted impact. We'll also explore how AI-native talent intelligence can help bridge these gaps, with real-life examples from organizations leading the way in building stronger alignment, resulting in greater harmony between talent strategies with broader business objectives. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Advancing Your Career with the Instructional Design Professional (IDP) Certification and Portfolio Building –** Are you ready to elevate your professional expertise in instructional design? Join us for an informative webinar that introduces the Instructional Design Professional (IDP) Certification—a credential designed to showcase your skills and commitment to excellence in creating impactful learning experiences. This webinar is perfect for instructional design career professionals who want to strengthen their professional standing and gain insight into crafting a compelling portfolio. The session will conclude with a Q&A segment, offering a chance to connect with experts and peers in the field. [Learn more and register here.](#)	1 HOUR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025	1:00 – 2:00PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**You Can't Outsource Sense-Making: High Impact Approaches to College Reading –** In a rapidly evolving world of digital media and generative AI, how can college educators help students make sense of complex texts and navigate an overwhelming information landscape as thoughtful, empowered citizens? This webinar shares insights from Breakthroughs in College Reading: The Promises and Tensions of Disciplinary Reading Apprenticeships, highlighting the transformative impact of a long-term, cross-disciplinary community of practice that enhances both educator and student learning through a focus on disciplinary literacy. Whether you teach in the humanities, social sciences, or STEM, this webinar offers practical tools and innovative approaches to help students become independent, critical readers who confidently navigate complex information. Faculty leave with actionable strategies to foster deeper learning and greater student agency in their classrooms. [Learn more and register here.](#)	1 HOUR

| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM AAC&U | ONLINE DEVELOPMENT | **Examining the Knowledge of Intercultural and Global Self-Awareness** – Self-awareness is key to developing intercultural competence. According to AAC&U's Intercultural Knowledge and Competence VALUE Rubric, learners beginning their intercultural journey often show minimal awareness of their own cultural rules and biases. However, as they progress, they gain the ability to articulate insights into their cultural frameworks, recognize complexity, and understand how their experiences shape their perspectives. The AAC&U Global Learning VALUE Rubric further defines growth in self-awareness as the ability to connect personal decision-making to local and global issues. As learners develop, they can address significant global challenges by articulating their identities in a broader, global context. Learn more and register here. | 1.5 HOURS |
| WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM TxDLA Texas Digital Learning Association | ONLINE DEVELOPMENT | **TxDLA Bite-Sized Learning: Lunchtime Webinars on Ed Tech Topics** – As the leading membership association for digital learning professionals in Texas, TxDLA provides regular, FREE one-hour interactive webinars on ed tech topics led by experts. These online events are held from 12-1 pm CST on the second Wednesday of each month. They cover timely topics like student engagement, digital accessibility, artificial intelligence for learning, course design, and leadership. Keep current on ideas, technologies, and content to develop leading-edge digital learning programs. Learn more and register here. | 1 HOUR |

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Leading & Scaling Innovation: Critical Skills for Today's Online Leader** – In today's rapidly evolving landscape, the intersection of leadership and innovation has become paramount for institutions striving to remain competitive and relevant. The webinar will go beyond the theoretical and provide practical guidance on navigating the change management process by identifying scalable innovations and then overcoming common challenges associated with scaling and firmly planting ideas that can serve an institution and its students, faculty, and staff for years to come. Ultimately, this session can serve as a catalyst for organizational transformation, offering a holistic approach to leadership, innovation, and collaboration that can be taken back to home institutions for immediate use. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025	12:00 – 1:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**The Algorithm of Consulting: Using AI Subject Matter Experts and Simulations to Crack the Code of ID Skill Development** – Even experienced instructional designers can sometimes be taken aback by their subject-matter experts. This webinar addresses the critical need for instructional designers to develop and maintain strong consultancy and collaboration skills. Traditionally, ID programs emphasize technical skills and theoretical knowledge, often unable to address the practical, interpersonal competencies essential for real-world consulting and client relationships. This webinar explores how AI tools such as ChatGPT can bridge this gap by providing dynamic, realistic experiences that prepare instructional designers for the complexities of client interactions. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELPOMENT	**In Sync With Asynchronous Embedded Support: Strategies for Implementing Embedded Tutoring in Asynchronous Online Courses** – Embedded tutoring is a rapidly growing academic support program most often implemented in face-to-face courses with an active learning classroom environment. Some institutions are experimenting with ways to incorporate this type of support in asynchronous online courses. Learn from a team of embedded tutors and faculty as they share the criteria they developed for selecting asynchronous courses for embedding tutors as well as some implementation strategies. Register here.	1 HOUR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025	12:00 – 1:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**AI Design Challenge: Make Your Own Instructional Design Tool!** – Participants will learn a structured approach to designing AI tools, from defining use cases to storyboarding human-AI interactions. The session emphasizes collaboration, inclusivity, and empowering instructional designers to build solutions that align with their unique needs. Participants will be provided with an AI Development Starter Kit containing resources that will guide them through the design process. Attendees will have access to a repository. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025	9:00 – 10:00 AM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Black History Month: Influential Black Americans with Disabilities** – To wrap up Black History Month, the PASS Department is offering a virtual presentation on Microsoft Teams where you can learn about influential Black Americans in history who had various mental and physical disabilities. Learn about each of their influences in our country's history, how their disabilities were part of their identity, and how these disabilities impacted their life and helped shape who they were. You can earn one hour of professional development for attending. [Click the link to attend.](#)	1 HOUR
MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE		ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor: Protect the Integrity of Online Tests –** This comprehensive training webinar is intended for instructors who plan to use LockDown Browser and/or Respondus Monitor with online exams. The session provides a detailed demonstration of both applications, including enhancements that make Respondus Monitor even more effective and easy to use. [Tuesday, January 7 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM](#) [Tuesday, January 14 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM](#) [Tuesday, January 21 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM](#)	1 HOUR

Ongoing Volunteering Opportunities

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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. The success of their mission depends upon the active compassion and participation of their supporters! 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. 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. See the volunteer need here. Register yourself here. Register your departmental team here.	3 HOURS
ONGOING	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM 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 needs 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 at 940.322.62320 or complete the volunteer application here.	3 HOURS