





## January 2025 Professional Development Calendar

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>The Chronicle of Higher Ed – Virtual Learning Series.</b> 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. <a href="#">Learn more and register here.</a></p>	1 HOUR SESSIONS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>NISOD On-Demand</b> – 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. <a href="#">Learn more and register here.</a></p>	1 HOUR SESSIONS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100</b> – 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). <a href="#">Learn more and start the course here.</a></p>	2 HOURS
				
ON-DEMAND	SELF-PACED	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	<p><b>STARLINK</b> 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. <a href="#">Learn more and register here.</a></p>	30 MINUTE SESSIONS
				

TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 7,  
2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Informational Webinar: US-UK Fulbright Global Challenges Teaching Awards** – Join Us for an Information Session on the US-UK Fulbright Global Challenges Teaching Awards. These awards empower faculty members in the United States and the United Kingdom to co-create innovative virtual exchange courses addressing today's most pressing global challenges, including Climate Action, Disinformation and Misinformation, Health Inequality, and Peace and Justice. This is the first of a two-part webinar series. The second session, on January 9th, will focus on the role of international education and academic administrators in the success of the awards program. Topics will include how institutions can support faculty and integrate virtual exchange into broader internationalization efforts. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 9,  
2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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1 HOUR

WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 15,  
2025

12:00 – 1:00 PM



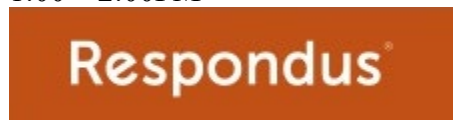
ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**IELOL (2025 Cohort) Informational Webinar** – This webinar, co-hosted by Josh Herron and Katie Schuster of OLC and Matt Vick and Jason Beier of University of Wisconsin, will highlight OLC’s premier leadership development program designed for new and experienced professionals in the field of digital and online learning. The session will provide an overview of the program and its faculty, the program’s four phases, time commitment, program objectives, and participant experience. Participants will learn about the application process and timeline to prepare a successful application submission. Questions and comments are welcomed. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 16,  
2025

1:00 – 2:00PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Respondus 4 and the Test Bank Network: Quickly Create Online Exams** – Find out how Respondus 4 allows you to create and manage exams that can be printed to paper or published directly to your LMS, and how the Test Bank Network enables instructors to create online tests from official publisher test banks. [Register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 23,  
2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**OER & AER: Lowering Textbook Costs While Preserving Quality** – Hear how three institutions lowered course material costs via blended affordability models. Open Educational Resources (OER) are growing in popularity as higher ed institutions across the country aim to improve textbook affordability. Join an enlightening discussion that uncovers how three institutions successfully lowered course material costs. This discussion will provide valuable insights and practical takeaways to help your institution pave a well-rounded pathway for affordable course materials. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 23,  
2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

1 HOUR

**Communities of Practice: Creating Community and Shared Learning to Support Student Success** – Discover how communities of practice (CoPs) empower faculty, staff, and administrators to drive meaningful improvements in student success. This webinar explores how CoPs foster collaboration, encourage innovative teaching practices, and provide essential support networks. Join us to learn how implementing CoPs can create a transformative impact on your students' success, and be the first to hear NISOD's exciting announcement about a new program offering coming in 2025. [Learn more and register here.](#)

THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 30,  
2025

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

1 HOUR

**Placement into Developmental Education Is an Equity Issue: Eliminate English and Reading Dev Ed and Maintain or Improve Success Rates for All Students** – Placement metrics that divert some students into non-credit English/writing and reading courses assert an over-sized impact on underrepresented, minority (URM) students. Learn about assessment practices focused on equity, strategies for simplifying intake processes, how to create campus-wide buy-in, ways to change course-level structures and systems, and professional development systems to impact individual pedagogical approaches/classroom tools for making it all work. [Learn more and register here.](#)

MULTIPLE  
DATES AND  
TIMES  
AVAILABLE



Respondus®

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.

1 HOUR

[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](#)

## Ongoing Volunteering Opportunities

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	PD HOURS
ONGOING	<p><a href="#">Mobile Pantry Schedule</a></p> 	<p>1230 Midwestern Parkway Wichita Falls, TX 76302</p>	<p><b>Wichita Falls Area Food Bank</b> – 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, <a href="#">please complete the volunteer application</a>.</p>	3 HOURS
ONGOING	<p><a href="#">Volunteer Schedule</a></p> 	<p>1300 Travis St, Wichita Falls, TX 76301</p>	<p><b>Faith Mission of Wichita Falls</b> – 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 &amp; Donation Center also returns profits to help with operating expenses of both shelters. <a href="#">See the volunteer need here</a>. <a href="#">Register yourself here</a>. <a href="#">Register your departmental team here</a>.</p>	3 HOURS
ONGOING	<p>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Monday through Friday</p> 	<p>1008 Burnett Street Wichita Falls, TX 76301</p>	<p><b>Meals on Wheels</b> – 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 <a href="#">or complete the volunteer application here</a>.</p>	3 HOURS