

## March 2024 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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         |
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TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 6,  
2024

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Unlocking the Future of Education: Helping Faculty to Embrace the Potential of Generative AI** – Upon the release of novel generative AI (GAI) systems in November 2022, the team at RUSH University responded by developing interactive skills labs for faculty. To date, they have hosted four skills labs, each focused on a different facet of generative AI capabilities and applications. These labs imparted foundational knowledge while emphasizing skill-building for implementation. Layering in hands-on activities dispelled fear-driven biases, cultivated technical proficiencies, and highlighted ethical integrations. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 7,  
2024

11:00 – 12:30 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Investigating the Attitude of Intercultural Openness** – Intercultural openness is one of the requisite attitudes individuals must develop in order to engage in effective and appropriate communication across various cultural contexts and situations. In this session presenters will discuss intercultural openness as defined by the AAC&U VALUE rubric for Intercultural Knowledge and Competence as well as explore experiential activities and different ways to assess an individual's development of this construct. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1.5 HOURS

WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 7, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Redefining Value in Higher Education: Prioritizing Equitable Access and Economic Mobility Over Selectivity** – While most public opinion research shows Americans believe postsecondary education provides value, public trust in higher ed is waning. This decline in confidence is fueled in part by concerns about affordability, student debt and college-to-career alignment. Amidst these challenges, it is crucial for institutions to improve how they articulate their successes and shift how they define their value. Join us as we explore current higher ed perceptions and trends, and the innovative ways key stakeholders are working to ensure postsecondary education remains a powerful driver of both economic and non-economic value. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 8,  
2024

12:00 – 1:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Engage Students Using Technology to Provide Real-World Course Connections** – Join us as we use multiple forms of technology in the classroom and online, as our students work cooperatively with professional organizations to create meaningful real-world course projects that develop higher-level thinking skills. In addition to providing technology resources, specific strategies to build professional relationships that create a strong network for students prior to graduation are provided. Leave with specific types of assignments that can be easily adapted for many courses. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 14, 2024

12:00– 1:00 PM



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. Specifically, 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. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 15, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Against Artificial Education: Towards an Ethical Framework for Gen AI Use in Education** – Join us for an insightful webinar that delves into the transformative potential of Generative AI in educational settings. In this session, we will explore the revolutionary possibilities AI offers for reshaping teaching and learning models. We will introduce a framework to guide the ethical and humanizing use of AI in modern education, with a focus on the broader political, social, and cultural implications. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 21, 2024

3:00 – 4:00 PM



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**AI Meets OER: Unleash Creativity & Navigate Licensing** – Explore the convergence of Generative AI, Open Educational Resources (OER), and Open Pedagogy. Discover strategies for harnessing AI to create and adapt open resources. [Register here.](#)

1 HOUR

THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 29, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 PM



**Beyond Conversation: An Action-Centered Approach to Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom** – How can educators ensure that activities centered on diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom are meaningful for students? It's important that these activities don't just check a box. Students should be provided meaningful experiences to help them develop into thoughtful citizens. This webinar highlights Madisonville Community College's approach to DEI in the classroom, blended with a Student Learning Outcome (SLO) process and action research. Through this process, instructors from a wide range of disciplines (i.e., general education, technical programs, health programs) have incorporated DEI into the classroom in meaningful and measurable ways. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 13;  
THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 15;  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 20;  
FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 23,  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 27;  
WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 28, 2024

Various Times



ONLINE  
DEVELOPMENT

**Instructor Training for LockDown Browser & Respondus Monitor: Prevent Cheating During Online Exams** – This comprehensive training webinar is intended for instructors who plan to use LockDown Browser and/or Respondus Monitor with online exams. LockDown Browser is a custom browser that prevents digital cheating during an online exam. Respondus Monitor is a companion product for LockDown Browser that deters cheating when students take online exams in non-proctored environments. Students use their own computers with a standard webcam to record assessment sessions. [Learn more and register here.](#)

1 HOUR

## Ongoing Volunteering Opportunities

| DATE    | TIME   | VENUE   | EVENT  | PD HOURS |
|---------|--|---|--|----------|
| ONGOING | <a href="#">Mobile Pantry Schedule</a><br><br>        | 1230<br>Midwestern<br>Parkway<br>Wichita Falls,<br>TX 76302 | <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> .  | 3 HOURS  |
| ONGOING | <a href="#">Volunteer Schedule</a><br><br>            | 1300 Travis<br>St, Wichita<br>Falls, TX<br>76301            | <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 & 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> . | 3 HOURS  |
| ONGOING | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM<br>Monday through Friday<br><br> | 1008 Burnett<br>Street Wichita<br>Falls, TX<br>76301        | <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> .                                 | 3 HOURS  |