December 2024 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, DECEMBER 2, 2024 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | ONLINE DEVEOLPMENT | **VALOR: Navigating the AI Frontier in Community College Education** – Delve into the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in community college education by introducing the concept of an "AI sandwich"—combining human input, AI-generated output, and subsequent human editing to integrate AI tools. A comprehensive method named "Value Assessment and Learning for Optimized AI Resources" (VALOR) can guide community colleges through strategic goal alignment, stakeholder engagement, ideation, experimentation, and iterative improvement. Successful AI implementations in various community colleges are highlighted to illustrate the importance of developing AI-centric skills in students and fostering thought leadership at multiple levels. With insights into emerging AI technologies like Chat GPT4, the presentation encourages community colleges to embrace VALOR as a guiding principle for exploration, unlocking the untapped potential of AI, and achieving transformative success in education. Learn more and register here. | 1 HOUR |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | ONLINE DEVELOPMENT | **Cracking the Retention Code: How Data and AI Are Helping Shape Student Success** – The national retention rate for students who started college in Fall 2022 is up 1 percentage point from the year prior. The increase is welcome, but this figure still means that more than 3 in 10 students are not returning to their institution from one fall to the next. Concerns about retention are only increasing amid declining public confidence in the value of a degree. This webcast will examine the reasons why students do not retain. It will also consider strategies to support retention. Learn more and register here. | 1 HOUR |

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024	1:00 – 2:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Focus on Action: What Policymakers and Colleges Are Doing to Promote Student Success –** Discover the steps policymakers & colleges are taking to grow public trust in higher ed's ability to expand opportunity. Earlier this year, Inside Higher Ed presented a webcast that explored 1) public perceptions of higher education's value and 2) attempts to redefine value in ways that center access, completion and student success. Turns out, there was a lot to say. We're continuing the conversation with another webcast. We're leaning into student success this time around because there's so much happening in this space across higher education. Join Inside Higher Ed Senior Editor Colleen Flaherty and a panel of higher education experts for a thoughtful discussion on efforts from policymakers and colleges that reflect a broader commitment to centering value in higher education and to growing public trust and confidence in the role colleges and universities play in expanding opportunity. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024	1:00 – 2:00PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Innovations in Online Proctoring: New Features for Respondus Monitor –** Respondus is at the forefront of online proctoring innovation, with new features being released each quarter. Don't miss this webinar where you'll see the latest enhancements for Respondus Monitor and LockDown Browser – and learn why 1,500 universities rely on them for online exam integrity. Register here.	1 HOUR

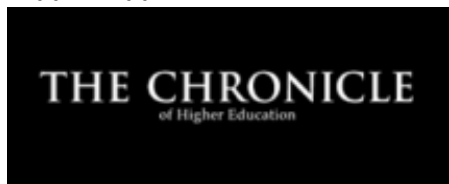|				
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024	12:00 – 1:00 PM 	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Future-Proofing Leadership: HR's Playbook for the New Age of Work** – As the workplace continues to evolve, so must our approach to leadership. Step into the future of leadership with our engaging and interactive webinar designed to equip HR professionals with the tools and strategies needed to prepare leaders for the evolving workplace. In this dynamic session, we'll explore the essential skills and innovative approaches that modern leaders must master. Discover how to develop leadership programs that resonate with today's hybrid and remote work environments, ensuring your organization stays ahead of the curve. Join us to unlock the secrets to cultivating resilient, forward-thinking leaders who can navigate the complexities of the new age of work with confidence and agility. [Learn more and register here.](#)	1 HOUR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024	9:00 – 10:15 AM 	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Assessing Transformation: Evaluating Learning in VE/COIL Experiences** – Learn about the evolving landscape of educational assessment within Virtual Exchange/Collaborative Online International Learning (VE/COIL) environments. This webinar will explore a range of methodologies used to measure the transformative impacts of VE/COIL on student learning and growth. Participants will learn about both traditional and advanced tools, including the integration of artificial intelligence, to enhance the precision and utility of assessments. Expert panelists will discuss how these assessments can effectively refine teaching practices and align with institutional goals, ensuring meaningful and measurable advancements in higher education. [Learn more and register here.](#)	1 HOUR

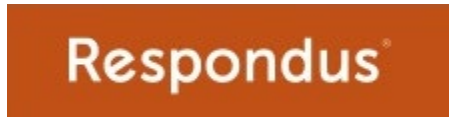|				
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024	1:00 – 2:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**The Student-Success Journey: Making the Final Steps Toward Graduation** –Student success encompasses every facet of the student experience. If we want students to cross the finish line, we need a strategy that's equally encompassing. Learn how small bumps can prevent students from graduating and how larger issues turn some students off of their degree or result in failure to complete college. Learn more and register here.	1 HOUR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024	1:00 – 2:00 PM	ONLINE DEVELOPMENT	**Beyond the Hype: Understanding and Unlocking AI's Potential in Enrollment Management** – If artificial intelligence is the future of admissions and enrollment management teams and their institutions need to understand how, when and why AI works. Explore how, admissions and enrollment management teams are already deploying artificial intelligence to assist their work, before looking ahead to what the near- and longer-term future of AI in enrollment management might look like. Learn more and register here.	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, December 3 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 11 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