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Ongoing Winter Mini-Term Support

Miller Thomas provides unique opportunities to receive course instruction for a combined intensive model, January 2022 to make sure our students are ready to hit the ground running. The Winter Mini-Term is an intense, focused four-week program designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge base to effectively navigate their academic journeys.

As a result of this opportunity participants will:

- Learn the professional and ethical guidelines outlined by NACE.
- Understand how to make effective referrals to the Center for Career Development and Academic Exploration.
- Develop a foundation for having critical career conversations with students.

The Career Advocate Program is a three-hour interactive training designed to equip faculty and staff with tools and resources to have meaningful and effective career conversations with students.

“Career Advocates Program” for Faculty & Staff

The Career Advocate Program is for faculty and staff to ensure students are better prepared to engage in meaningful conversations that reflect career and academic success. This training will equip campus partners with the tools needed to have critical career conversations with students.

Registration & Information

December 7 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Zoom
College Setting
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusive Teaching in the Community College Setting

Request a Consultation
December 1-10 | Zoom
Winter Mini-Term Consultations

Contact Ferlin McGaskey to join today via Zoom!

November 17 | 1 – 2:00 p.m. | Zoom
Navigating Changes to Produce Innovative Results
Winter Mini-Term Series Week 6– Expect the Unexpected:
Contact Chris Kilgore to join today via Zoom!

Finding Publication Opportunities for SoTL

Our theme for 2022 is "Transforming the World through Innovative Teaching and Learning". TLI encourages submissions that create opportunities for critical and creative thinking about how to deepen teaching and learning. Past Call for Proposals:

2022 Innovative Teaching & Learning Conference

Call for Proposals:
Deadline Extended to December 3

Teaching and Learning Innovation (TLI), a unit of the Office of Information Technology (OIT), is a leader in the field of professional development for faculty and staff who are teaching and learning virtually through online courses in higher education. TLI is committed to providing continuous professional development opportunities to support faculty and staff in their preparation and enhancement of teaching and learning.

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