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Focus on Teaching - July 2022

As the warm weather starts to settle in, all of us in CELT wish everyone a healthy and safe summer. If you are spending time working on a course or teaching-related project this summer, please don't hesitate to reach out!

We are also excited to announce that Rhonda McCreight will be joining our team to offer teaching and learning support to Williams Lake. Rhonda has been a faculty member in Nursing on the Williams Lake Campus since 2007 and brings a wealth of experience related to teaching and outcomes-based assessment.

Looking ahead, we wanted you to know that this will be the last Focus on Teaching Newsletter. Our updates and information will be moving to TRU Connect in August. In [Teams](#) you can **subscribe to CELT** by opening 'My Feed' and clicking 'Preferences' to get notifications about workshops, training, and grant opportunities. As always you can keep an eye on our website and calendar by going to tru.ca/CELT.

Upcoming Workshops and Events

Instructional Skills Workshop

August 15-18, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Kamloops Campus

The Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) is a professional development program designed for faculty members who are interested in developing and enhancing their instructional skills. ISW caters to individuals new to teaching as well as to those who wish to refresh and enhance their skills. Participants will benefit from practicing skills and sharing ideas in a cooperative environment. The workshop consists of teaching practice, theory application, and topical sessions specifically relevant to each instructor's context. During the workshop, you will teach three short lessons and receive feedback. You will work closely with peers and trained facilitators. Through a supportive atmosphere, you will have opportunities to develop new teaching skills, enhance existing skills, and try new and challenging strategies.



Participants who complete all activities will receive a certificate of completion. With this certificate, participants who are registered in the Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP) may request exemption for PIDP 3220: Delivery of Instruction. [Register Here](#)

New Faculty Orientation

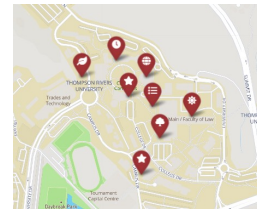
August 23 & 24, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | Kamloops Campus

Join us for this two day face-to-face event to discover key information and make critical contacts to enable you to fulfill your instructional role. A series of expert-led sessions and stations will equip you with a repertoire of resources, supports, and services related to teaching, learning, and student success. Topics include teaching essentials, TRU culture and strategic priorities, and work/life aides for you and your students. [Register Here](#)

Professional Development

New Faculty Community of Practice (Monthly)

If you're new or new(ish) to TRU and would like to connect with others to hear about themes pertinent to you, please join us for this New Faculty Community of Practice.



Email celt@tru.ca to join.

Learning Technology & Innovation

Learning Technology

Learning Technology & Innovation (LT&I) offers regular drop in sessions and a diverse selection of informative workshops, exploring innovative approaches to using technology.



Check out their [website](#) to view the wide selection of resources and view the upcoming workshops on the [LTI calendar](#).

Email: learningtech@tru.ca

For Students

» [Learning Without Walls](#)

Support for students in Moodle. (enrolment key: help)

Email: studenthelp@tru.ca

Conferences

Visit our [External Conferences](#) page to get up-to-date information on upcoming conferences, including links and submission deadlines.

Here's a sneak peek at what's on there right now: [\[See More\]](#)

Oct 6-7 Kennesaw State Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Summit (Online) [Conference website](#)



Nov 2-5 ISSOTL 2022: At the intersections of SoTL: Transfer & Transformation, Diversity & Inclusivity - Syilx Okanagan Nation (UBC's Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC) [Conference website](#)

Nov 10-12 2022 Symposium for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (Banff, Alberta) [Conference website](#)

Focus on Teaching is the monthly newsletter of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT). We showcase instructional development opportunities and resources for TRU faculty and staff, and up-to-date information on current projects, initiatives and professional development opportunities. To read past issues of Focus on Teaching or to subscribe to our mailing list, visit our [Newsletters page](#).

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To contact CELT, email celt@tru.ca and we will do our best to respond within 24 hours. Please note that some members of our team are working remotely.

