
Call for instructor and staff participants:

First-Year Experience Community of Practice

This community of practice will engage instructors and staff in facilitated discussions about how we can best support our first-year students as they transition to college. All participants will receive a copy of Sandra Yancy McGuire's *Teach Students How to Learn: Strategies You Can Incorporate into Any Course to Improve Student Metacognition, Study Skills, and Motivation*. We will organize the community around themes in the book, and colleagues from each of UW-Green Bay's four campuses will share resources, insights, and advice from their years of experience. The community will meet face-to-face four times across the academic year, with each campus cohort supported by a facilitator and connected via web conferencing. The projected dates for these meetings are **Fridays from 12-1:30pm on 11/2, 11/30, 2/22, and 4/5**. Before and after each meeting, community members will engage in **brief reflections and asynchronous discussions via Canvas**. Additionally, participants will meet face-to-face in Green Bay at the **Instructional Development Institute on January 24, 2019**.

Eligibility

Instructors and staff who regularly engage first-year students. This may include instructors of first-year seminars, lower-level gateway courses, and/or general education courses. **While the community will largely discuss instruction and classroom-level interventions, staff who also support first-year students are very welcome to apply.** Participants who are unable to engage in each face-to-face meeting are able to join if they share these conflicts in advance with the co-facilitators.

Compensation

People who complete the experience and provide artifacts that reflect revisions to their teaching and/or practices will receive a certificate and will have an opportunity to share their knowledge with the broader campus community. Thanks to one-time UW System funds to support "faculty collaborations" across campuses, we are also able to provide \$200 of S & E funds to participants.¹

Interested?

Sign-up in Qualtrics to enroll and to receive a free copy of McGuire's *Teach Students How to Learn: Strategies You Can Incorporate into Any Course to Improve Student Metacognition, Study Skills, and Motivation*. Link: https://uwgreenbay.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VW2Sk9PhddPVPv.

Questions?

Contact Caroline Boswell, Director of the Center of Teaching and Learning @ boswellc@uwgb.edu or Jennifer Flatt, co-director of the First-Year Experience Learning Community @ jennifer.flatt@uwc.edu.



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