

INNOVATION TODAY

APRIL 2019

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:



"Beyond recorded lectures, how-to videos, email, and chat, I have found one of the most effective ways to reach my first year students is by designating a *Lunch with Lesley* time each week. During this session, students can ask questions about content, assignments, or anything that they would normally ask in a face-to-face course or during my on campus office hours. I have found a significant reduction in emails, partially completed and/or skipped assignments. These sessions are usually recorded and available for any student that might not be able to attend. Students are zooming in with me on their cell phones at work, at the supermarket and on the treadmill. It is not for everyone, or even every course offered, but this has made a significant impact on my first year students in gaining critical concepts in the HITT 1301 Health Data course, and it has assisted me in being able to recognize where I fall short in teaching these students in the online environment."

—Lesley Plemons, Program Director/Professor, Health Information Technology

FACULTY SUMMER INSTITUTE:

May 13-16

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join us this year for Faculty Summer Institute as we focus on inter-professional education (IPE) teaching practices and their impact on student learning. IPE is defined as a collaborative learning event involving more than one discipline/profession, such as an assignment shared between two or more faculty with common objectives derived from each faculty's discipline. Faculty will leave FSI prepared and ready to lead at least one collaborative learning strategy. Sign up for ZPODS_2000_01 or ZPODS_2000_S1 in WebAdvisor.



TECH SPOTLIGHT: GOOGLE DOCS

Uses for Google Docs:

- Group collaboration
- Reflective journals
- Providing feedback
- Seeing the editing process
- Word processing on-the-go
- So much more...

To learn more, contact Kayla Willis at kwillis@mclennan.edu or ext. 8990.

TIPS & TRICKS

In Brightspace, you can create Groups that will allow students to collaborate with each other. View the [Groups and Sections Tools- Defining Groups and Sections- Instructor](#) video to find out more.

ADVICE

Make sure you take the time to develop relationships and build trust among your students. Develop ways for students to connect with each other. This can help make a course more enjoyable and successful.

TEACHING AND LEARNING: LET US HELP YOU

VISIT THE FACULTY/STAFF COMMONS TODAY!

- ✚ Sound rooms to record audio and video
- ✚ Green screen room to customize video
- ✚ Computers and printers available
- ✚ Meeting space for faculty and staff collaboration
- ✚ Personalized support from Teaching and Learning staff



NEW STAFF:



The Teaching and Learning Department welcomes Kayla Willis as the new instructional designer. Kayla received her M.Ed. from Tarleton State University in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Instructional Design and Technology. She grew up in Axtell and is a former MCC student, as well as a University Center graduate. Kayla is eager to help you with any of your curricular or instructional needs.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 4/17: Usability & Design Online: ZPODI_2034_01 (8760)
- 4/22: Using Respondus: ZPODT_2032_01 (8761)
- 4/24: Diversity 101: ZPODC_1001_05 (8968)
- 4/24: Advanced Word: ZPODT_2016_01 (8771)
- 4/25: Multiple Means of Assessment: ZPODI_1054_01 (8987)
- 5/1: Image Editing: ZPODT_1059_01 (8993)
- 5/2: Teaching & Learning Styles: ZPODI_1053_01 (8984)
- 5/13: Faculty Summer Institute: ZPODS_2000_01