

“Online Learning Faculty Resource Instructor”
Call for Application from College of Marin faculty with experience teaching online courses with a high degree of student success

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Applications are being solicited from faculty members who have more than five years' experience teaching online courses in which a high percentage of students are successful. The successful candidate will be experienced at using Blackboard to develop community and engagement among students and to maintain regular effective faculty contact. The period of work will begin in January, 2010 and extend until the end of May, 2010. The compensation for this work is three units.

Description of Project

There is a three-year plan to develop Distance Education (DE) at the College of Marin. The plan has two intended outcomes: to increase our online course offerings and to improve our rate of student success in DE courses, which is currently 20% below the statewide average. The role of the faculty resource instructor is to attend training on emerging technologies that improve student success in online courses, to provide training for faculty teaching new DE courses, to provide support for faculty teaching existing DE courses in the area of student success, to encourage faculty from a variety of disciplines to develop alternative student-success-oriented modalities for teaching new DE courses, and to gather feedback from DE students and faculty concerning support services that should be implemented.

Scope of Work

- Attend professional development activities related to online student success.
- Create a Distance Education newsletter and disseminate to the college community.
- Act as Distance Education liaison to department chairs, faculty, and student support services.
- Provide support to instructors who are developing fall 2010 DE courses.
- Facilitate communication among college technical staff, faculty and administrators.
- Make recommendations regarding college procedures, goals and expectations related to Distance Education.

Eligibility Requirements

- At least five years' experience successfully teaching online courses at a community college.
- Knowledge of how to use emerging technologies to improve student success and engagement in online courses
- Ability to work with faculty in an online environment

Application Process:

Submit the following the materials to the Office of Instructional Management by 5 PM on December 1, 2010, including:

- a. Phone extension
- b. Name
- c. Years employed at COM
- d. Description of teaching experience
- e. Description of knowledge and/or experience teaching online
- f. Fall 2009 teaching load
- g. Indication that Department Chair and appropriate Dean are aware of your application.
- h. Page 2- an application letter addressing applicant's suitability for the job

Criteria for Evaluation:

- a) The applicant demonstrates adequate knowledge and experience to carry out the project activities.
- b) The applicant demonstrates availability to complete activities within the proposed timeline.