# Faculty Development

EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Becoming a Better You for Your Students and Yourself

FALL 20 24

Workshop Booklet

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# Welcome
## FALL 2024

**WILLIAM SERRATA, PH.D.**
**PRESIDENT**

Dear Faculty,

Welcome back! With great pleasure and enthusiasm, I extend a warm welcome to our Faculty Development Week for the fall semester. As we prepare to embark on this new academic year, I want to reflect on the theme for Faculty Development Week, "*Becoming a Better You for Your Students and Yourself.*"

This theme underscores EPCC's commitment to enhancing the educational experience for our students and prioritizing your professional growth and well-being as educators. By investing in your continuous development, we empower you to advance student success and make a lasting impact in the lives of our students.

I commend the Faculty Development Coordinators and the presenters of workshops, who have created a series of engaging activities to enhance your personal and professional growth.

Professional Development Week will provide you with the tools, insights, and support necessary to thrive as educators and individuals, from classroom innovations to wellness strategies. I encourage you to actively participate, share your experiences, and collaborate with your colleagues as we strive to cultivate a culture of belonging and student success.

In addition to the scheduled sessions, I invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to connect with fellow faculty members, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships within your discipline and across the college. As we embark on this collective journey of continuous improvement, I am confident that we will emerge as better educators, colleagues, and individuals. Together, we can shape the future of education and empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

Once again, welcome to Faculty Development Week! Let us seize this opportunity to become the best versions of ourselves to benefit our students, ourselves, and our entire community.

*William Serrata*

**The Best Place to Start** *and Finish!*

# Welcome FACULTY!



I am happy to welcome you back to the fall semester and hope you had a fantastic summer. This fall's Faculty Development theme, **"Becoming a Better You for Your Students and Yourself,"** represents our collective efforts to enhance the student experience, and this week's workshops show a variety of ways we can meet that goal, from learning about high-impact instructional practices to engaging with college projects and programs. I hope that this week provides time to reflect and engage with your colleagues and disciplines and to get energized for a successful fall semester!

I want to update faculty about the college's response to SB18 and SB17. The college's post-tenure review process has been in place for

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one academic year, and I appreciate faculty's cooperation and patience as we have enacted this new evaluation process to comply with SB18. I invite you all to attend the **Post Tenure Workshop, taking place on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, from 10:00-10:50 a.m. at the ASC Auditorium**, to learn more about the process and provide feedback. The college has also modified procedures, practices, and programs to comply with SB17's DEI mandates.

As always, we have been busy in the Division of Instruction and Workforce Education. The college is creating and piloting the **Opportunity High School Diploma (OHSD)** program as part of its response to HB8. The program will target local adults who do not have a high school diploma. These students will be co-enrolled in a competency-based high school curriculum and a Career and Technical Education workforce program. This program will allow EPCC to award successful students with both a high school diploma and a college credential. EPCC formed faculty affinity groups representing the five major high school competencies, and these faculty affinity groups have developed learning objectives for the high school curriculum. EPCC plans to roll out its OHSD program later this year, and we look forward to reporting its outcomes.

EPCC is also embarking on innovative program work in the aerospace field. This summer, students began joint **UTEP-EPCC courses for Integration Technician and Instrumentation Technician**. Students are engaging in a 24-week online course designed and taught by UTEP Aerospace Center faculty with hands-on training at EPCC's Advanced Technology Center. Upon training completion, students will begin an 8-week paid internship with one of the Aerospace

Center's defense and aerospace industry partners with the aim of gaining full-time employment. Thank you to Mr. Blayne Primozich, AVP of Workforce and Continuation Education, and his workforce team for their great work.

The **MDP 8-Week Campus Pilot Project** initiative has demonstrated remarkable success during its first year of implementation. When compared to the previous year, enrollment at MDP increased by 15% in fall 2023 and 22% in spring 2024. Course completion rates were 81% in fall 2023 and 82% in spring 2024. I would like to again acknowledge Mr. Joshua Villalobos, Campus Dean, and the MDP faculty, campus coordinators, and staff for all their work and commitment to planning and executing this successful project to improve student retention and completion.

The **EPCC/UTEP Engineering Academy**, another inventive project to enhance student success, will launch its first cohort of students this fall. Kudos to Dr. Rebecca Escamilla, Dean of Architecture, Art, Math & Science, and her team for their extensive work planning and implementing this great partnership with UTEP.

We have additional exciting news to share about our Division's impactful student services. **EPCC Cares**, a mental health program, provides therapeutic services to students by licensed clinicians. Services are free and available in-person or virtually. Students can also benefit from **EPCC's Family Friendly Campus (FFC)**, a program that supports student parents, especially single moms, boost their overall completion rates. As part of the FFC, the Student Parent Resource Centers provide a welcoming study space for EPCC student parents, caregivers, and their children, and the Centers are now open at all five campuses with Lactation Rooms at NW, RG, TM, and VV. This fall, Lactation Pods will be installed at ASC, MDP, NW, RG, and VV. Pods are intentionally designed for privacy and comfort, and its keyless entry app provides greater accessibility. Please share information about these programs with your students so that they can utilize the valuable services available to them. Thank you, Dr. Paula Mitchell, AVP of Instruction and Student Success, and Ms. Lucia Rodriguez, Director of the Office of Student Success, who are providing great leadership and oversight to ensure a smooth operation.

I hope to see and meet many of you as I walk the campuses this semester. Please take good care of yourselves and you have my very best wishes for an awesome Fall 2024 Semester!

Sincerely,

**Steven E. Smith, Ed.D.**
Vice President
Instruction and Workforce Education
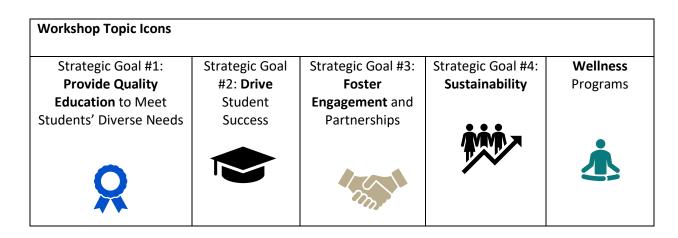
## THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WELCOME

## Fall 2024 Theme: Becoming a Better You for Your Students and Yourself

Welcome to the Fall 2024 Faculty Development Week!

The winning theme for Faculty Development Week is "Becoming a Better You for Your Students and Yourself." Our workshops are offered in various modalities and time slots to accommodate your schedule as you prepare for your classes.

In the following pages, you will find some helpful information on logging into online sessions, faculty development credits and important meetings that you are REQUIRED to attend. The links to the online or hybrid workshops are in the title of the workshop. All workshops specify the audience and have an icon that represents the workshop's category. Lastly, use the "find" tool (Ctrl + F) to search by name or title to find your workshops.

| Workshop Topic Icons | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strategic Goal #1: **Provide Quality Education** to Meet Students' Diverse Needs | Strategic Goal #2: **Drive** Student Success | Strategic Goal #3: **Foster Engagement** and Partnerships | Strategic Goal #4: **Sustainability** | **Wellness** Programs |

Please use the attendance URL links for online workshops or the printed QR codes for the Face-to-Face workshops to earn Faculty Development Credit. The Faculty Development Office and IT Systems manager and staff developed the workshop attendance process. We highly encourage you to read the new netiquette rules so that your attendance will appear in your transcripts.

We look forward to helping you learn today and become tomorrow's leaders! Have a successful semester!

## WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Sign in for Faculty Development Credit!

**Faculty Development credit will be awarded to PRESENTERS/PARTICIPANTS, if you sign in within the workshop's time and use the Attendance URL link or QR code.**

## No Sign in= NO CREDIT!

| Full-Time Faculty | A minimum of two workshops |
|---|---|
| Adjunct/Dual Credit Faculty | A minimum of one workshop |
| All Faculty and Academic Support | Must attend Division and Discipline Meetings |

**Presenting does not replace attendance,** so presenters still need to attend different workshops to earn their required minimum number of workshop(s).

Workshops attended after August 23rd cannot substitute the required attendance for faculty during Faculty Development Week. Workshops after August 23rd will be granted faculty development credit as **ongoing** workshops for Fall 2024 as long as they meet one of the strategic goals of the college listed on the next page.

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# DESCRIPTION OF EPCC'S STRATEGIC GOALS

**Provide Quality Education to Meet Students' Diverse Needs**

- Facilitate College Transitions
- Prepare Students with Marketable Skills for Gainful Employment
- Promote Co-Curricular Learning
- Provide State-of-the-Art Infrastructure, Technology, and Services
- Provide Relevant Professional Development Opportunities

**Drive Student Success**

- Engage Students Inside and Outside the Classroom
- Promote a College-Going Culture
- Increase Student Retention and Graduation Rates
- Optimize Support Services
- Close Equity Gaps in Student Outcomes

**Foster Engagement and Partnerships**

- Retain Qualified Employees
- Promote Innovation and Accountability
- Empower Employees to Take Responsibility for Student Recruitment, Engagement, and Success
- Align Partnerships with Regional Educational, Economic and Workforce Needs
- Increase EPCC Visibility

**Sustainability**

- Maintain Fiscal Strength and Accountability
- Prioritize Individual, Campus and Workplace Safety
- Integrate Data in Decision-Making and Planning
- Ensure Quality and Effectiveness in All College Operations
- Prioritize Emergency and Crisis Preparedness

## CRITERIA FOR AWARDING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CREDIT

**\*As determined and approved by the Faculty Professional Development Committee, reviewed Summer 2022.**

- ✓ Credit will apply to the semester during which the workshop is offered, not future semesters.
- ✓ Credit will apply only if there is a minimum of 50 minutes of development programming.
- ✓ Credit will not be awarded for meetings, college governance, or any other activity that is not development.
- ✓ Credit can only be awarded if someone has applied and provided information about the workshop to the Faculty Development Office. Requests can be reviewed after the fact if documentation is submitted, but this is not a guarantee credit can be awarded.
- ✓ To earn Faculty Development credit, participants and presenters attending or presenting virtual workshops MUST sign in using the Attendance URL link or QR codes within the time range of the workshop.
- ✓ All requests will be reviewed by the Faculty Development Office for compliance with the criteria.
- ✓ Requests requiring further review will be presented to and reviewed by the Faculty Professional Development Committee.

## TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

**Do you need a copy of your Faculty Development transcript? Your transcript is available at:**

## [My.EPCC.edu](My.EPCC.edu) → Services → Reporting Services (Under Reports & Analytics) → My Reports → My Training Transcript.

**To earn Faculty Development credit, participants and presenters attending or presenting virtual workshops MUST sign in using the Attendance URL link or QR code within the time range of the workshop.**

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## PRESENTER'S NETIQUETTE RULES FOR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

1. Arrive to the session at least **10 minutes early**.

2. Ensure that your microphone and your camera are working.

3. Upload any shareable files and open any windows you will display. Maximize windows or enlarge font sizes. Use the Ctrl + Scroll Up/Down button on your mouse wheel to zoom on most pages. Adjust participant settings, like speaker and chat controls.

4. Outline instructions to allow participants an equal chance to speak if the presentation allows.

5. Find the Attendance URL link—emailed to you last semester and share it in the chat window multiple times during your session. (Participants will only receive attendance credit if they click and complete your attendance URL within your presentation's time slot)

6. Provide any other "house rules" that you may have. These may need to be repeated.

7. Make sure there is enough Wi-Fi bandwidth for your meeting by having others in your household refrain from being online at the same time as your workshop. In addition, make sure to close all unnecessary programs on your computer. If you are still having problems, have everyone turn off their cameras.

8. Faculty Development Credit will be awarded to PRESENTERS, if you sign in within the workshop's time and use the Attendance URL. **No sign in = No credit.**


## PARTICIPANT'S NETIQUETTE RULES FOR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

1. Arrive to the session at least 10 minutes early.

2. Ensure that your microphone is muted, and camera is off. If the presenter encourages cameras to be on, then be respectful by paying attention and not becoming a distraction.

3. Raise your hand before speaking and allow everyone an equal chance to speak.

4. Find the Attendance URL link—posted by the presenters in the chat window during the session – to receive attendance credit. (Participants will only receive attendance credit if they click and complete this Attendance URL link within the presentations' time slot)

5. Follow any other "house rules" given by the presenters.

6. Make sure there is enough Wi-Fi bandwidth for the meeting by having others in your household refrain from being online at the same time as the workshop. In addition, make sure to close all unnecessary programs on your computer.

7. Faculty Development Credit will be awarded to PARTICIPANTS, if you sign in within the workshop's time and use the Attendance URL. **No sign in = No credit.**

## PRESENTER'S & PARTICIPANT'S NETIQUETTE RULES FOR FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS

To ensure a safe Face-to-Face experience, PARTICIPANTS and PRESENTERS please follow these rules:

1. Arrive to the session at least 10 minutes early.
2. Find the Attendance URL link (posted by the presenters as a QR code) and use your smartphones to sign in to receive attendance credit. (Participants will only receive attendance credit if they sign in during the presentations' time slot).
3. Follow any other "house rules" given by the presenters.
4. Faculty Development Credit will be awarded to PARTICIPANTS, if you sign in within the workshop's time and use the Attendance URL link or QR code.
**No sign in = No credit.**

## TROUBLESHOOTING FOR JOINING A SESSION AND CHATTING IN A SESSION

For Microsoft Teams or WebEx assistance:

# Call (915) 831-6440

**DLSS Online Assistance Hours: M-F, 8 am to 5pm, (915) 831-3111.**
**You MUST use Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari as your browser for Blackboard Collaborate.**

**HELPFUL LINKS:**
**Tips for Microsoft TEAMS meeting (2:17 min. Video)**
**Class Collaborate Support webpage**

## Can't see the chat box?
How to access MS Teams chat box and sign-in:
Janine Rudnick video (forward to minute 2:38)

How to access Blackboard chat box and sign-in:
Luz Cadena video (forward to minute 17:20)

# FACULTY COORDINATOR MEETINGS

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

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|---|---|---|
| **Mission del Paso Campus** | | |
| *Instructional Programs*<br>Dean:  Mr. Joshua Villalobos | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 12:00 p.m. | New Building Conference<br>Room **R221** |
| **Northwest Campus** | | |
| *Instructional Programs*<br>Dean:  Dr. Lydia Tena | Monday, August 19<br>9:00-12:00 p.m. | Main Building<br>Dean's Conference<br>Room- **M5** |
| **Rio Grande Campus** | | |
| *Arts, Communications, Career & Technical Education, and Social Sciences*<br>Dean:  Mr. Brian Kirby | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 a.m. | **E109** |
| *Health Career & Technical Education, Math, and Science*<br>Dean:  Dr. Souraya Hajjar | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 1:00 p.m. | **A119-A121** |
| *Nursing*<br>Dean:  Dr. Hafid Guerrero | Monday, August 19<br>11:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Olive Garden – Cielo Vista |
| **Transmountain Campus** | | |
| *Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences*<br>Dean:  Ms. Terri Mann | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | **Room 1200** |
| *Math, Science, and Career & Technical Education*<br>Dean:  Mr. Rick Webb | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | **Conference<br>Room 1005** |
| **Valle Verde Campus** | | |
| *Communication and Performing Arts*<br>Dean:  Mr. Daniel Guerra | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | **AST 161** |
| *Architecture, Art, Math, and Science*<br>Dean:  Dr. Rebecca Escamilla | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 12:00 p.m. | **AST 243** |
| *ESL, Reading, and Social Sciences*<br>Dean:  Ms. Susana Rodarte | Monday, August 19<br>10:00 – 11:30 a.m. | **M-108A** |
| *Education and Career & Technical Education*<br>Dean:  Dr. Myshie Pagel | Monday, August 19<br>10:00 a.m. | **B240** |
| *Advanced Technology Center*<br>Dean: Dr. Olga Valerio | Monday, August 19<br>9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | **109** |

# DIVISION AND DISCIPLINE MEETINGS

## Thursday, August 22nd, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
**The Division and Discipline Meetings are mandatory for all full-time, adjunct, and dual credit faculty.**

**Mission del Paso Campus**
**Instructional Programs**                                        **R-124 (Flexitorium)**
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Remarks by Dean: Mr. Joshua Villalobos
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.            Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Accounting | R-121 | Government | R-121 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Art Appreciation | R-103 | History | R-122 |
| Biology | R-104 | Mathematics | R-102 |
| Business | R-121 | Music | R-103 |
| Chemistry | R-104 | Philosophy | R-103 |
| Information Technology Systems | R-122 | Physics | R-104 |
| Criminal Justice | R-122 | Psychology | R-119 |
| Economics | R-121 | Reading | R-119 |
| Educational Psychology | R-119 | Sociology | R-121 |
| English | R-120 | Spanish | R-103 |
| Geology | R-104 | Speech | R-103 |

**Northwest Campus**
**Instructional Programs**                                        **A-122 (Flexitorium)**
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Remarks by Dean:  Dr. Lydia Tena
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.            Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Accounting | A137 | Government | A136 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anthropology | A148 | History | A148 |
| Art | A137 | Mathematics | A149 |
| Biology | C223 | Music | A137 |
| Business | A137 | Professional Administrative Assistant | A137 |
| Chemistry | C223 | Philosophy | A148 |
| Court Reporting | A137 | Psychology | A136 |
| Information Technology Systems | A137 | Physics | A149 |
| Criminal Justice | A136 | Spanish | A137 |
| Economics | A137 | Speech | A104 |
| Educational Psychology | A136 | Sociology | A148 |
| English | A104 | TECA | A104 |
| Engineering | A147 | | |
| Geology | C223 | | |

**Rio Grande Campus**

**Arts, Communications, Career & Technical Education, and Social Sciences**          **RG Campus A250**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                Remarks by Dean: Mr. Brian Kirby

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accounting | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | History | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
| Art | | Information Technology Systems | |
| Business Management | | Mass Communication | |
| Criminal Justice | | Music | |
| Drama | | Philosophy | |
| Economics | | Psychology | |
| Educational Psychology | | Reading | |
| English and INRW | | Sociology | |
| Foreign Language | | Speech | |
| Government | | | |

**Rio Grande Campus**

**Health, Career & Technical Education, Math, and Science**                **RG H014**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                Remarks by Dean: Dr. Souraya Hajjar

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biology | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | Librarians | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
| Chemistry | | Mathematics | |
| Dental Assisting | | Medical Lab Technology | |
| Dental Hygiene | | Medical Assisting Technology | |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonography | | Pharmacy Technology | |
| Echocardiography | | | |
| Emergency Medical Services | | Physical Therapist Assistant | |
| Geology | | Physics | |
| Health Information Management | | Medical Imaging-Radiography | |
| Health Prof & Related Sciences | | Respiratory Care Technology | |
| Kinesiology | | Surgical Technology | |

**Rio Grande Campus**

**Nursing**                                                                **RG H014**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                Remarks by Dean: Dr. Hafid Guerrero

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| | |
|---|---|
| Nursing and Vocational Nursing | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |

**Transmountain Campus**

**Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences**                                        **TM Room 1704**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Remarks by Dean: Ms. Terri Mann

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.            Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Art | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | Music | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
|---|---|---|---|
| Drama | | Philosophy | |
| Economics | | Psychology | |
| English | | Reading | |
| Foreign Language | | Sociology | |
| Government | | Speech | |
| History | | | |

**Transmountain Campus**

**Math, Science, and Career & Technical Education**                                        **TM Foyer**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Remarks by Dean: Mr. Rick Webb

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.            Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Acct./Bus./Mgmt | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | Fashion Technology | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
|---|---|---|---|
| Biology | | Geology | |
| Chemistry | | Interior Design | |
| Criminal Justice | | Kinesiology/Dance | |
| Information Technology Systems | | Library | |
| Cosmetology | | Math | |
| Drafting | | Physics | |
| Educational Psychology | | Teacher Preparation | |

**Valle Verde Campus**

**Communication and Performing Arts**                                        **ASC Auditorium**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.            Remarks by Dean: Mr. Daniel Guerra

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.            Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Advertising Graphics & Design | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | Mass Communication | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicanx | | Music | |
| Drama | | Speech | |
| English | | Theater | |
| Foreign Language | | VV English Disc. Dual Credit Instructors | |
| Language Institute @ 4:30-5:30 p.m., ASC Bldg B Room B322 | | | |

**Valle Verde Campus**

**Architecture, Art, Math, and Science**                                          **VV AST/150 (Flexitorium)**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.                    Remarks by Dean: Dr. Rebecca Escamilla

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                    Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Architecture | Z bldg. – Room 206 | Geology | A bldg. - A2515 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Art | A bldg. – A1326 | Kinesiology | G102 |
| Biology | AST 242 | Mathematics | AST 150 |
| Chemistry | AST 348 | Physics | A bldg. – A2511 @ 4:00 p.m. |
| Engineering | AST 342 | | |

**Valle Verde Campus**

**ESL, Reading, and Social Sciences**                                          **VV Cafeteria**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                    Remarks by Dean: Ms. Susana Rodarte

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                    Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Economics | A2117 | INRW | Contact Division Office |
|---|---|---|---|
| ESOL | B220 @ 4:30 p.m. | Psychology | A2124 |
| Government | A1510 @ 5:00 p.m. | Philosophy | Meet after District Wide Meeting |
| History | A2518 @ 4:30 p.m. | Sociology | A2116 |

**Valle Verde Campus**

**Education and Career & Technical Education**                                          **AST Foyer Area**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                    Remarks by Dean: Dr. Myshie Pagel

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                    Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Accounting | A2326 | Fire Technology | Contact Faculty Coordinator |
|---|---|---|---|
| Automotive Technology | Contact Faculty Coordinator | Information Technology Systems | Contact Faculty Coordinator |
| Business Mgmt. | A2326 @ 5:00 p.m. | Paralegal | A1105 |
| Child Development | A1126 | Sign Language/ Interpreter Program | B256 |
| Criminal Justice | AST 245 | Social Work | A1104 |
| Educ. Psych | A1317 | Teacher Preparation | A1509 |

**Advanced Technology Center**                                          **ATC Foyer area**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.                    Remarks by Dean: Dr. Olga Valerio

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                    Discipline Meetings conducted by Faculty Coordinators

| Advanced Technology Industrial Manufacturing | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information | HVAC | Contact your Faculty Coordinator or Division Office for meeting information |
|---|---|---|---|
| Computer-Aided Design | | Machining Technology | |
| Diesel Mechanics | | Renewal Energy Program | |
| Electrical Technology | | Welding Technology | |

# DISTRICT-WIDE DISCIPLINE MEETINGS

*DW stands for District-Wide Coordinator*

| DWD Meeting | Contact Name | Contact Email | Day | Time | Online or F2F | Campus | Room |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Accounting** | Debbie Luna | dluna16@epcc.edu | Tue | 10:00 a.m. | Online | | |
| **Advanced Technology Manufacturing** | Aaron Munguia | amungui2@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC |
| **Advertising Graphics** | Viridiana Villa | mgarc647@epcc.edu | Thur | 1:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A1114 |
| **Architecture** | Clark Myers | cmyers18@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:15 p.m. | F2F | VV | Z-206 |
| **Art** | Zoe Spiliotis | zspiliot@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:00-4:00 p.m. | Hybrid | TM | 1316/ Online-MSTeams |
| **Automotive Technology** | Elaviano Willars | ewillars@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | TTC 125 |
| **Biology** | Miguel Vasquez | mvasq255@epcc.edu | Wed | 9:00-1:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | H242 |
| **Business Management** | Lisbeth Ragona | lreyes26@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A2326 |
| **Chemistry** | Veronica Gonzalez | vgonz109@epcc.edu | Wed | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Online | | |
| **Chicanx Studies** | Mauricio Rodriguez | mrodr191@epcc.edu | 9/18/24 | 3:00-4:00 p.m. | Online/MSTeams | | |
| **Child Development** | Cristina Salas | rsalas39@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST Foyer |
| **Computer Aided-Design** | Juan Luna | jluna23@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | Online | | |
| **Cosmetology** | Cecilia Dominguez | cgonza66@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | B110 |
| **Counseling** | Oscar R. Velazquez | ovelasq1@epcc.edu | TBA | TBA | TBA | | |
| **Court Reporting** | Bertha Prieto | bmolina1@epcc.edu | Thur | 8:00 p.m. | F2F | NW | A137 |
| **Criminal Justice** | Jeffrey Brockhoff | jbrockho@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | A2125 |
| **Culinary Arts** | Jesus Lugo | jlugo18@epcc.edu | Mon | 6:00 p.m. | F2F | ASC | B231 |
| **Dance** | Jermey Edmonson | jedmonso@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A1215 |
| **Dental Assisting** | Lourdes Garduño | mgardun2@epcc.edu | Mon | 1:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | H118 |
| **Dental Hygiene** | Elia Mendez | echaco20@epcc.edu | Thur | 5:30 p.m. | F2F | RG | H118 |
| **Diagnostic Medical Sonography** | Nora Balderas | nbalder2@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | H158 |
| **Diesel Technology** | Hector Estrada Chavez | hestra26@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 109 |

| Echocardiography | James Williams | jwill248@epcc.edu | Friday | 1:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | J649 |
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| **Economics** | Cynthia Gamez | cgamez2@epcc.edu | Wed | 3:00 p.m. | Online/MSTeams | | |
| **Educational Psychology** | Michelle Conklin | mconkli1@epcc.edu | Mon | 4:30 p.m. | Online/Blackboard | | |
| **Electrical Technology** | David Rivera | driver75@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 216 |
| **EMSP** | Tony Ayub | aayub@epcc.edu | Mon | 1:30 p.m. | F2F | MDP | D138 |
| **Engineering** | Jesusita Ibarra | jibarr23@epcc.edu | Wed | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST 330 |
| **English** | Art Valdespino | avald140@epcc.edu | Mon | 1:00 p.m. | Online/MSTeams | | |
| **ESL** | David Moody | wmoody@epcc.edu | Wed | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Online/MSTeams | | |
| **Fashion Technology** | Vanessa Ramirez | vramir76@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | F2F | TM | 2007 |
| **Fire Technology** | Julius Gutierrez | rbahena@epcc.edu | Wed | 6:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 317 |
| **Foreign Languages** | Lydia O. Vazquez | lvazque3@epcc.edu | Wed | 5:00 p.m. | Online/Blackboard | | |
| **Geology** | Tina Carrick | tcarrick@epcc.edu | Wed | 10:30-11:50 a.m. | F2F | NW | C226 |
| **Government** | Amber Archuleta-Lucero | aarchu18@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST 125 |
| **Health Information Management** | Jean Garrison | jgarris2@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | Cafeteria |
| **Health Professions & Related Sciences/HECO** | Helga Carrion | hcarrion@epcc.edu | Thur | 5:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | A230 |
| **Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning** | Manny Torres | mtorr173@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 118 |
| **History** | Albert Burnham | aburnham@epcc.edu | Wed | 12:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A2127 |
| **Hospitality Operations** | Jesus Lugo | jlugo18@epcc.edu | Tue | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | ASC | B235H |
| **Information Tech System** | Dell Najera | dnajera5@epcc.edu | Tue | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST307 |
| **Interior Design Technology** | Enrique Armendariz | earmen59@epcc.edu | Thur | 5:00 p.m. | F2F | TM | 2009 |
| **Kinesiology** | Miguel Bonilla | mbonill2@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST 127 |
| **Librarians** | Kristin Sanchez | gsanc127@epcc.edu | Thur | 1:00 p.m. | Online/Blackboard | | |
| **Machining Technology** | Mario Ontiveros | montiv17@epcc.edu | Tue | 3:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 207 |
| **Mass Communication** | Lisa Elliott | lelliot5@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A2700 |
| **Mathematics** | Ivette Chuca | ichuca@epcc.edu | Wed | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | F2F | VV | AST 125 |
| **Medical Assisting Program** | Norma Ornelas | nornelas@epcc.edu | Thur | 11:00 a.m. | F2F | RG | B300 |

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| **Medical Coding** | Jean Garrison | jgarris2@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | Cafeteria |
| **Medical Imaging - Radiography** | Christl Thompson | cthomp27@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | J713 |
| **Medical Lab Tech** | Veronica Dominguez | vdoming6@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:30 p.m. | F2F | RG | B414 |
| **Medical Transcription** | Jean Garrison | jgarris2@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | Cafeteria |
| **Music** | Alina Vazquez | avazqu39@epcc.edu | Wed | 6:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A1201 |
| **Nursing** | Pauline Ballesteros | pballes1@epcc.edu | Thur | 4:00-5:45 p.m. | F2F | RG | H234 |
| **Paralegal** | Donna Welch | dwelch5@epcc.edu | Thur | 5:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | B105 |
| **Pharmacy Technology** | Nader Rassaei | nrassaei@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | B309 |
| **Philosophy** | Manuela Gomez | mgome327@epcc.edu | Thur | 3:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | AST 128 |
| **Physical Therapy Assistant** | Debra Tomacelli-Brock | dtomacel@epcc.edu | Thur | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | H157 |
| **Physics** | Olienka De La O | odelaofe@epcc.edu | Wed | 1:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A2511 |
| **Psychology** | Aimee Olivas | aoliv225@epcc.edu | Wed | 12:00 p.m. | F2F | TM | 2010 |
| **Reading** | Maria Gomez | mgome239@epcc.edu | Tue | 9:00-12:00 p.m. | Online/MSTeams | | |
| **Renewable Energy Tech. Systems** | Jose Alvarenga | jalva292@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 102 |
| **Respiratory Care** | Maria Bailey | mbrawner@epcc.edu | Thur | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | B301 |
| **Robotics and Automation** | Aaron Munguia | amungui2@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC |
| **Sign Language** | Adriana Garcia | jdahlgre@epcc.edu | Wed | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | B256 |
| **Social Work** | Arturo Acosta | aacost96@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | A1104 |
| **Sociology** | Stacy Mayo | smayo@epcc.edu | Wed | 10:00 a.m. | F2F | Corner Bakery | Airway |
| **Speech** | Crystal Robert | crober27@epcc.edu | Thur | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | B240 |
| **Surgical Tech** | Margaret Rodriguez | mrodr108@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:00 p.m. | F2F | RG | H206 |
| **Teacher Preparation** | Isela Castanon | mcasta77@epcc.edu | Tue | 10:00 a.m. | F2F | VV | A1509 |
| **Theater** | Ted Karber | tkarberj@epcc.edu | Mon | 12:00 p.m. | F2F | VV | C401A |
| **Travel/Tourism** | Jesus Lugo | jlugo18@epcc.edu | Tue | 4:00 p.m. | F2F | ASC | B235H |
| **Vocational Nursing** | Laura Jimenez | lsalaza1@epcc.edu | Friday | 9:00 a.m. | F2F | MDP | D109 |
| **Welding Technology** | Cecil Powell | cpowell3@epcc.edu | Thur | 7:30 p.m. | F2F | VV | ATC 121 |

The following pages present workshops by **topic**. Only workshops that fulfill the following categories are listed in this portion of the booklet: New Faculty Workshops, All Faculty and Academic Support Pedagogy Series, Student Resource Work, Coordinator Workshops, Tenure Workshops, First-Year Experience, All Employees' Wellness, Remote Learning, Center for Students with Disabilities.

For a list of **ALL** workshops by day and time go to page 35.

## NEW FACULTY WORKSHOPS

| Campus Tours | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Contact** |
| **Monday 9:00 a.m.** | NW M45 | **Walking with Confidence at the Northwest Campus** | Sonia Santana slope189@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 10:00 a.m.** | TM 1704 | **The Transmountain Tour** | Tim Watkins twatkin3@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 12:00 p.m.** | VV A 1717 | **Campus Tour of VV: Navigating the Largest Campus at EPCC!** | Rebekah Bell rbell13@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 4:00 p.m.** | MdP Library C 102 | **Mission Campus Guided Tour** | Norma Ballenger nkoube@epcc.edu |
| **New Faculty Expo and Orientation** | | | |
| **Tuesday 4:30 PM** | ASC Boardroom | **New Faculty Expo** | Yasmin A. Flores yflore14@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 6:00 PM** | ASC Auditorium | **New Faculty Orientation** | |
| **Introduction to College Teaching** | | | |
| **Monday 10:00 a.m.** | VV AST 122 | **Crafting Custom Assignments: Aligning with Part II Syllabus Goals for New English Faculty** | Regina Muir rchav135@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 11:00 a.m.** | VV AST 307 | **Technologies in the Classroom** | Carlos Mejia cmejia6@epcc.edu |
| **An Overview of Programs and Departments** | | | |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | VV B 100 | **EPCC Cares: Mental Health Support at EPCC (for students)** | Carmen Catillo Attar ccastil6@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 7:00 p.m.** | ASC A 158 | **All Things Student Success Initiatives!** | Rebekah Bell rbell13@epcc.edu |
| **Tenure** | | | |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | VV AST 120 | **1st Year Tenure Track Workshop** | Jose Pacheco Lorena Gonzalez, et al. jpache78@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV AST 129 | **Designing Your EPCC Electronic Tenure Portfolio: A Workshop for New Faculty** | Lorely Ambriz lambriz@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Faculty Evaluations: The Process, Results, and More!** | Raul Belmontes rbelmon4@epcc.edu |

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| Pedagogy and Student Engagement Techniques | | | | |
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| **Monday 4:00 p.m.** | Online | **Engaging Your Online and F2F Students** | This workshop is about Engagement techniques which can be used in areas such as classrooms, online courses, and learning centers. | Janine Rudnick jrudnick@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 11:00 a.m.** | VV A 1122 | **Cultivating Academic English: Essential Components, Additional Enhancements, and Strategies for Achievement** | This workshop offers tools and techniques for instructors working with non-native English students to guide them in developing professionally acceptable speech that is easily understood in various contexts. | James Dewane jdewane@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 12:00 p.m.** | VV AST 124 | **Engaging Philosophical Inquiry to Implement a Pragmatist Pedagogy** | This workshop will discuss using a pragmatist philosophy to inform pedagogical practice. | Andres Muro amuro5@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 1:00 p.m.** | RG H 234 | **Best Practices for Examination Item Analysis in Nursing Education** | This workshop, aimed at nursing educators, explores key concepts in item analysis available in the Blackboard Ultra LMS, including difficulty and discrimination indices. | Hafid Guerrero hguerr20@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV AST 261 | **Speech Communication GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) Session** | Speech Communication Faculty are invited to share their favorite ideas for teaching at EPCC. | Erika Portillo eporti46@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 10:00 a.m.** | ASC B Foyer | **Exploring Innovative Approaches to Student and Instructor Success** | This workshop guides participants in exploring the possibilities of realizing a new vision for themselves. Many mature students struggle to find their place after retirement. | Mary Yañez myanez22@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Generative AI: How It Came To Be, How to Use It, and Its Importance in Higher Education** | Learn how Generative AI was developed, some prompting basics, and the importance of preparing students for a Gen AI world. This session will cover ways to teach with AI as well as how anyone can use it to be more productive. | Ondrea Wolf oquiros@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Latinx Students' Transition to Higher Education** | This workshop is about Latinx students' transition to higher education. | Jonathan Nickerson jnickers@epcc.edu |

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| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Integrating Non-Cognitive Skills into the Classroom** | This workshop discusses various pedagogical strategies that can be used to foster noncognitive skill development. | Sandra Lujan slujan9@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 2:00 p.m.** | VV AST 128 | **English Co-Requisite Training** | This workshop will offer updates about the INRW 0311/English 1301 and INRW 0313/English 1301 corequisites for English. | Minerva Laveaga mlaveaga@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Straight from the Horse's Mouth: What is the EPCC Teachership Academy?** | Curious about the flipped classroom and improving student performance? Join us virtually to learn more about the EPCC Teachership Academy. | Pat Duran pduran20@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** | Online | **The History, Reading, and Pedagogy Group Presents: Centering Literacy Instruction in the College Classroom** | The History Reading and Pedagogy Group invites you to join our discussion on how we can better incorporate literacy into our classroom and online instruction. We take a broad definition of literacy - written, oral, information, etc. - and wish to explore strategies and ideas together. | Joshua Hevert jhevert@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** | TM 2003 | **Exploring ChatGPT in the Writing Classroom: Anecdotes on Equity and Ethical Considerations** | This workshop covers the ethical use of ChatGPT in the classroom focused on English 1301 and 1302 with a focus on faculty and administrative experience. | Jayne Chapman jpynes2@epcc.edu |
| **Feedback from Students and Adapting to Students' Needs** | | | | |
| **Monday 3:00 p.m.** | Online | **Formative Assessments to Increase Creativity in the Classroom: Part II** | The presenters will discuss updated formative assessments that go beyond traditional methods like exit tickets and quizzes. We will explore creative approaches to enhance these assessments. | Christopher Kazanjian ckazanji@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **The Government Discipline's SLO and Core Update** | This workshop will detail the Government Discipline's SLO and Core efforts. We will update faculty with the latest developments in these areas. | James Stepp jstepp@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 8:00 a.m.** | RG H 242 | **Biology CCA Updates and Training** | The Biology Core Curriculum Assessment results, revisions, interventions, and best practices were reviewed in this workshop. | Claire Wells cwells19@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV A 1333 | **Empowering English Discipline Teachers: Overview and Training Updates on Required** | This workshop is designed for English Discipline teachers and will provide an overview and training updates for required outcomes assessments. | Kelli Wood kwood@epcc.edu |

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| | | **Outcomes Assessments** | | |
| **Thursday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Instructor Teaching for Student Success** | This workshop focuses on understanding various challenges students face in the college setting and adapting teaching strategies accordingly. | Ashley Becker abecker2@epcc.edu |

**Group Work and Collaboration in the Classroom**

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| **Monday 11:00 a.m.** | RG J 635 | **Breaking Up Lectures for Student Engagement** | Practice collaborative techniques to engage students in the classroom. Collaborative learning involves students working in pairs or small groups to achieve learning goals, reinforcing learning and fostering interpersonal communication. | Suzanne Ramirez and Diana Espara Lara srami186@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Applying NASA's GLOBE Observer and Protocols to Enhance Learning** | Learn to apply NASA GLOBE Observer and protocols in the classroom to enhance student learning and collaboration. | John Olgin jolgin@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | VV AST 243 | **Creative Collabs: Unleashing 3D Pen Magic for Students** | Discover the versatility of 3D pens in this 3D Pen Workshop, which work like hot glue guns to melt materials like ABS or PLA. This hands-on workshop encourages creativity, allowing participants to design and fabricate 3D objects to take home. Explore endless creative possibilities in a fun, interactive environment. | Fan Chen fchen@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 10:00 a.m.** | Online | **Connected Learning Theory** | Connected Learning Theory promotes strategies to teach undergraduate students how to connect personally and digitally with academics, personal interests, and peers to develop credible research skills. | Tim Watkins twatkin3@epcc.edu |

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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| **Monday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **AR/VR Technology in Classroom** | VR/AR can provide students with immersive and interactive learning experiences by creating simulations replicating real-life scenarios, allowing students to practice skills and learn from errors. | Roshanak Jafari rjafari@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 10:00 a.m.** | Online | **The Office of Student Success Tutoring Centers and Resources** | Join us and learn about Online and Face-to-Face tutoring through the Office of Student Success. | Janice DeWitt jdewitt@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Welcome to the Communication Toolbox!** | This workshop introduces a new tool that is available to you in Blackboard. | Rebekah Bell rbell13@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | TM 1700 | **Student Parent Resource Centers: Helping EPCC Student Parents Succeed!** | The Student Parent Resource Centers provide services for student parents, including a child-friendly study space, activities for children, and referrals to college and community resources. | Elizaeth Olivas eoliva44@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** | Online | **Achieving the Dream Spring 2024: A Quick Recap and Summary of the Sessions Attended by Faculty Members Melissa Aguilera and Crystal Robert** | Join us for a workshop that sheds light on the significance of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) initiative for EPCC. ATD is a nationwide endeavor dedicated to enhancing the success of community college students. | Crystal Robert Melissa Aguilera crober27@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 4:00 p.m.** | Online | **Academic Coaching Empowers Students: Come Learn How!** | This workshop defines academic coaching and provides examples of how faculty can use these techniques with students. | Sandra Lujan slujan9@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** | VV AST 127 | **What's in Your Library Orientation Session?** | New and returning faculty who are unfamiliar with library orientations are encouraged to attend this Library Orientation Workshop. Library orientations are more than just sessions to familiarize students with the services, spaces, and resources offered in the library. | Blake Klimasara bklimasa@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 10:00 a.m.** | VV C202 | **Getting Started with Podcasting Inside and Outside of the Classroom** | Come join us at the TRC for some tips and tricks for how to use Podcasting as a way of delivering content to your students and as a way of assessing students' learning. We'll also walk through how to use the brand-new | Joshua Hevert jhevert@epcc.edu |

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| | | | equipment available at the Technology Resource Center. | |
| **Wednesday 11:00 a.m.** | Online | **OER and Low-Cost Textbook Options for Chemistry Courses** | This workshop presents several OER or low-cost Chemistry textbooks and online homework platform options targeting Organic and Introductory Chemistry courses. | Veronica Gonzalez vgonz109@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV AST 128 | **Tejano Flex Learning: Started from the Bottom, Now We're Here!** | This workshop provides information on Tejano Flex Learning and Competency-Based Education (CBE), whether participants are interested in learning more or getting ready to teach a CBE class. | Fernando Mata fmata8@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV AST 122 | **Understanding the Mini-Grant to Enhance Student Learning** | This workshop covers how to apply for an EPCC mini-grant and provides information about the process criteria. | Brack Morrow Frank Rimbach bmorow2@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Redefining Education** | This workshop provides a strategy to increase college enrollment. | Olapeju Rebecca Dairo odairo@epcc.edu |

# Student Success Tutoring

**FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS**

EPCC Online Tutoring Open: Every Day 12PM to 9PM

Face-to-Face Tutoring Open at all 5 campus Tutoring Centers:  Monday – Friday  8AM to 5 PM

Link to friendly tutoring:
**https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/971ca0febb774259a9dd853441712373**

Link to tutoring schedule for your EPCC course:
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**Your success is our success.**
**We're Here to Help!**
*En español too!*

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**Scan to Connect to Online Tutoring**

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| Coordinators | | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| **Monday 10:00 a.m.** | Online | **Program Building With Your Students in Mind** | In this session data sources, key Pathways components, college resources, and samples will be shared to help all EPCC disciplines be ready for their next Pathways and learning outcomes assessment conversations. | Rebekah Bell rbell13@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 12:00 p.m.** | Online | **Self-Care Menu** | How often do you determine what, where, and when to practice self-care? Create your own personal menu and establish the ultimate self-care restaurant. | Claudia Galindo cgalin22@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** | Hybrid VV AST 124 | **FAAF Series: A More In-Depth Discussion About Full-Time FAAFS in the Sciences** | Coordinators and faculty will gain a basic understanding of adding courses to the faculty workload for three credit hour courses as well as labs such as those in the sciences. This presentation will contain the full-time work load as well as the basic part-time faculty workload. | Rebecca Escamilla Fan Chen fchen@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Faculty Evaluations : The Process, Results, and More!** | Institutional Research is committed to providing faculty the information needed to successfully conduct Faculty Evaluations. We will cover the process, results, and best practices when conducting evaluations in the classroom. | Raul Belmontes rbelmon4@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 11:00 a.m.** | Online | **Program Review for District-Wide Coordinators and Deans** | Every year the Institutional Research and Institutional Effectiveness Offices contact you for program review data. We ask for revenue sufficiency, faculty evaluations, employer and graduate satisfaction and MORE. Come learn why we need this data and what we do with it. | Yvette Huerta yhuerta@epcc.edu |

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# TENURE TRACK WORKSHOPS

## Tuesday, August 20th

These are tenure review sessions for all tenure-track faculty members. Faculty must attend these workshops at least once during the academic year. These sessions will review the tenure procedure, discuss the tenure process, and answer questions regarding the tenure process. Helpful tips for collecting and documenting information will also be provided by Tenure Committee Members.

All sessions presented by Dr. Julie Penley, Ms. Lorena Gonzalez, and Tenure Committee Members.

| Title | Workshop Date | Start time of workshop | End time of workshop | F2F Campus Location | F2F Building and room |
|-------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Year Tenure-Track Workshop | Tuesday, 8/20 | 9:00 AM | 10:20 AM | VV | AST 120 |
| Peer-Review Committee Workshop: Overview of PRC Role | Tuesday, 8/20 | 9:00 AM | 10:20 AM | VV | AST 128 |
| 2nd Year Tenure-Track Workshop | Tuesday, 8/20 | 11:00 AM | 11:50 AM | VV | AST 120 |
| 3rd Year Tenure-Track Workshop | Tuesday, 8/20 | 11:00 AM | 11:50 AM | VV | AST 128 |
| 4th & 5th Year Tenure-Track Workshop | Tuesday, 8/20 | 12:00 PM | 12:50 PM | VV | AST 128 |

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# FYE WORKSHOPS

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| **Monday, August 19** ||
| **TEAMS** <br><br> **9:00 am – 9:50 am** | **Empowering Faculty and Student. Early Alert 2.0 –** Sandra Lujan, Margie Nelson Rodriguez |
| **Tuesday, August 20** ||
| **TEAMS** <br> **4:00 pm – 4:50 pm** | **Academic Coaching Empowers Students: Come Learn How! –** Paul Hotchkin, Carrie Van Houdt, Maria (Alex) Pasillas |
| **Wednesday, August 21** ||
| **TEAMS** <br> **1:00 pm – 1:50 pm** | **Integrating Non-Cognitive Skills into the Classroom** – Sandra Lujan, Ross Markle |
| **Hybrid** <br> **AST 120** <br> **3:00 pm – 3:50 pm** | **Empowering Faculty and Students Early Alert 2.0** – Sandra Lujan, Margie Nelson Rodriguez |
| **Thursday, August 22** ||
| **TEAMS** <br> **2:00 pm – 2:50 pm** | **Health and Wellness FYE Seminars** – Rachel Rabb |
| **Wednesday, September 4** ||
| **Valle Verde Campus** <br> **AST 150** <br> **10:00 am – 1:00 pm** | **Student Club Fair –** Faculty Coaches |
| **Thursday September 5** ||
| **Valle Verde Campus** <br> **AST Foyer** <br> **10:00 am – 1:00 pm** | **First Year Experience** *Pizza, Professors, and Advisors* – Faculty Coaches |

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# First-Year Experience
# First-Time in College Welcome Week
# Fall 2024 Event Schedule

## FYE – STUDENT SESSIONS

| Monday, August 26 | |
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| **All Campuses**<br>**8:00 am – 5:00 pm** | **Welcome Tables (Monday & Tuesday)**<br>Administrative Services Center (ASC)<br>Mission del Paso (MDP)<br>Northwest (NW) - Main Building and A Building<br>Rio Grande (RG)<br>Valle Verde (VV) - AST Building /Foyer Area<br>Transmountain (TM) |
| **TEAMS**<br>**11:00 am – 11:45 am** | **Understanding Microsoft Teams** – Janine Rudnick<br><br>*MS Teams is a video conferencing interactive tool used by various EPCC services and instructional faculty; learn how to use it to maximize your learning experience.* |
| **Class Collaborate**<br>**12:00 pm – 12:45 pm** | **Understanding Class Collaborate** - Luz Cadena<br><br>*Class Collaborate is a video conferencing interactive tool used by various EPCC services and instructional faculty; learn how to use it to maximize your learning experience.* |
| **RG B 500**<br>**1:00 pm-1:50 pm** | **Learn the Secrets of Using MS Word** - TRC |
| **VV AST Foyer**<br>**4:00-5:00 pm** | **Welcome Week Kick-Off**<br><br>*Join all new students and get to know the newest First-Time in College Students at EPCC* |
| **VV AST Foyer**<br>**4:00-5:00 pm** | **Meet and Greet with First-Year Advisors, Peer Academic Coaches, and Faculty Coaches**<br><br>*FYE Advisors discuss first-year students' expectations* |
| Tuesday, August 27 | |
| **TEAMS**<br>**9:00 am – 9:50 am** | **Connecting Your Passion to Your Major (and a Career!)** - Margie Nelson Rodríguez |
| **TEAMS**<br>**11:00 am – 11:30 am** | **Communicating with Professors** – Carrie Van Houdt |
| **VV C 107**<br>**10:00 am – 2:00 pm** | **Campus Life**<br>*Learn about student clubs and obtain your EPCC ID* |
| Wednesday, August 28 | |
| **VV C 202**<br>**11:00 am - 11:50 am** | **Find Out What Resources EPCC Has for You** - TRC |
| **TEAMS**<br>**12:00 pm – 12:30 pm** | **Study Skills** – Melissa Esmacher, Vanessa Camacho |
| **TEAMS**<br>**1:00 pm – 1:30 pm** | **Library Skills** – Lorely Ambriz, Diana Olivares |
| **VV C 202**<br>**2:00 pm - 2:50 pm** | **You Can Use Office 365 for Free! Learn More!** – Fernando Mares |
| **V C 202**<br>**4:00 pm - 4:50 pm** | **Learn to Email Using Outlook** - TRC |

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| Thursday, August 29 | |
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| **TEAMS** <br> **10:00 am – 10:30 am** | **Financial Aid and Scholarships**– Q&A – Elizabeth Estrada |
| **TEAMS** <br> **11:00 am – 11:30 am** | **Academic and Campus Resources**– Rebekah Bell |
| **TEAMS** <br> **12:00 pm – 12:30 pm** | **Health and Wellness**– Rachel Rabb |
| **Friday, August 30** | |
| **Valle Verde AST 150** <br> **9:00 am – 12:00 pm** | **FIRST Year Experience - OPEN HOUSE** <br> *Spend the morning engaging with the First-Year Experience team and with faculty from various academic Programs of Study.* |
| **Wednesday, September 4 & Thursday, September 5** | |
| **Valle Verde AST** <br> **10:00 am – 1:00 pm** | **Wednesday: Club Fair in AST 150** <br> **Thursday: First-Year Experience Pizza, Professors, and Advisors in AST Foyer** |
| **Wednesday, October 2** | |
| **Valle Verde AST 150** <br> **10:00 am – 11:30 am** | **Professionals in the Field Panel – Q&A** <br> • *Arts, Humanities and Communications* <br> • *Business* <br> • *Education* <br> • *Health Sciences* <br> • *Industry, Manufacturing & Construction* <br> • *Public Service* <br> • *Science, Technology, Engineering & Math* <br> • *Social Behavioral Sciences* |

## ALL EMPLOYEES' WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

**Mental Health Mini-Conference**

| Day & Start Time | Location | Title | Brief Description | Contact |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday 8:00 a.m.** | Online | **Mental Health Committee Update** | The EPCC Mental Health Committee is dedicated to ensuring that mental health awareness and well-being is a priority in the EPCC community. | Guadalupe Marshall <br> gibarra@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **Go Forth, Weigh Less** | This workshop teaches you to lighten the emotional and psychological burden one carries. | Adriana Flores <br> aflor264@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 9:00 a.m.** | VV B254 | **Grounding Through Elements** | Meditative grounding reduces stress. Meditative breathing and tactile manipulatives based on the four elements of nature will help employees reconnect and reduce stress levels. | Christina Diaz <br> cdiaz108@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 11:00 a.m.** | Online | **Breathe Through It** | In this workshop, we will be implementing breath control as a method to face and work through challenges. | Adriana Flores <br> aflor264@epcc.edu |

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| **Monday 12:00 p.m.** | Online | **Self-Care Menu** | Imagine creating your own personalized menu and establishing the ultimate self-care restaurant. | Claudia Galindo |
| **Monday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Quiubole Tejanos!** | Hear about one of the newest Mental Health Committee initiatives aimed at promoting the mental health of students, staff, and faculty simply by asking… Quiubole! | Christian Salas csalas69@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Are You Having Fun? Discover the Benefits of Incorporating Hobbies into Your Life** | This workshop is about learning about the physical and mental benefits hobbies can bring to your life. | Guadalupe Marshall gibarra@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 3:00 p.m.** | VV AST 124 | **Relaxation Techniques and Tips** <br> **CANCELLED** | We are living in stressful times.  Many of us just need to recharge in our hectic lives.  Come join us and have fun learning and sharing techniques to relax and live a stressfree life. TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF! | Pat Duran pduran20@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 4:00 p.m.** | VV AST 163 | **Yoga for Beginners** | This is a workshop on basic yoga postures. | Kim Diaz kdiaz60@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 5:00 p.m.** | VV AST 128 | **Finding Zen in Your Office Chair: A Beginner's Guide to Yoga Chair Postures** | This is a beginner-friendly yoga chair session for office wellness, targeting stress relief, posture improvement, and an energy boost. Our aim is to enhance workplace wellness. | Paty Flores Hutson pflore56@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **Walk Away** | This workshop discusses the empowering act of choosing to walk away from relationships or stressful situations and its impact on mental well-being. | Sandra Ornelas sornelas@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | VV B 100 | **EPCC Cares: Mental Health Support at EPCC** | This workshop will introduce the staff at EPCC Cares and provide an overview of this new program. EPCC Cares offers mental health support for students to empower them to complete and succeed in their educational goals. | Carmen Castillo Attar ccastil6@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **DENIAL: The Pros and Cons of Sigmund Freud's Defense Mechanism and How It Can Affect Your Instruction** | Denial is a defense mechanism to explain how people convince themselves that the world is a better place.  Failing to admit known facts or circumstances may affect instruction and life in general. | Rudy Hernandez rhern357@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** | Online | **Boundaries for a Healthier Work Environment** | Love what you do and where you do it. Is this how you feel? If not, what can we do to help you get there? | Christian Salas csalas69@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 11:00 a.m.** | Online | **Qi Gong for Health** | Participants will practice standing (or sitting, if unable to stand) qi gong postures, and learn about related exercises to develop body awareness and relaxation. | Carla Newman cnewman2@epcc.edu |

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| Tuesday 2:00 p.m. | Online | **Faculty and Staff Support Groups: What to Expect** | Faculty and Staff Support Groups will begin soon at EPCC. Participants will learn what to expect when they attend a mental health support group. | Crisol Escobedo cescob11@epcc.edu |
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| Tuesday 3:00 p.m. | Online | **Back to the Basics: Implementing What Dale Carnegie Taught us a Century Ago** | We will cover several of Dale Carnegie's principles from How to Win Friends and Influence People and discuss how to implement them in the classroom and at work. | Carrie Van Houdt cmelia@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Online | **Cultivating Mindfulness: A Journey of Self-Care and Professional Growth** | In today's fast-paced world, prioritize self-care and explore the transformative power of mindfulness through the experiences shared in this presentation. | Paty Flores Hutson pflore56@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | NW M48 | **Top 5 Mental Illnesses Affecting College Students** | Learn about the top 5 mental illnesses that are affecting our college student population. Tips will be provided to recognize the symptoms. | Sonia Santana slope189@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 11:00 a.m. | VV B101 | **Environmental Wellness** | Environmental wellness involves establishing a sustainable lifestyle, protecting natural resources, and eliminating pollutants and excessive waste. | Korina Navarro knavarr3@epcc.edu |

| Physical Wellness | | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | VV B 100 | **Common Myths About Exercise** | We will discuss myths and facts of exercise and fitness that can help you answer some of your questions and hopefully improve your workouts. | Paulina DeSantiago pdesan11@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 12:00 p.m. | Online | **Eating Healthy On A Budget** | Do you find that healthy foods can be expensive? Join me as we explore tips that can help you eat healthier when you're on a budget. | Helga Carrion hcarrion@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 1:00 p.m. | VV AST 127 | **Embrace a Healthier You: Discover the Joy of Disc Golf Outdoors!** | For a better you, go outdoors and try Disc Golf! It's fun and a great way to get your steps in. | Louis Barragan lbarrag6@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 1:00 p.m. | Online | **Nutritional Showdown: Processed Foods vs. Whole Foods** | Learn about the health effects of eating a diet high in processed foods versus eating more whole foods and how to reduce the amount of processed foods in the diet. | Karen Kaplowitz kholst@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 1:30 p.m. | VV A2122 | **Becoming Your Best Self: Strategies for Personal Growth and Positive Impact** | While some may doubt the possibility of self-improvement in adulthood, it's entirely achievable. Join our workshop to explore various ways to enhance yourself and craft a handmade decoration to take home. | Carmen Gomez cgomez16@epcc.edu |
| Wednesday 2:00 p.m. | Hybrid VV AST 122 | **Unlocking the Compound Effect: Small Steps to** | This workshop focuses on using small changes to make a lasting impact on health and wellness. | Chris McMillen |

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| | | **Health and Wellness** | | cmcmille@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 12:00 p.m.** | TM 2010 | **Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Awareness** | This workshop is designed to help faculty and staff identify the signs of domestic and dating violence among students and within the broader community. | Aimee Olivas aoliv225@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Health and Wellness FYE Seminars** | This workshop offers an orientation to the Health and Smarts Seminar for First-Time-in-College students, familiarizing participants with the purpose and content of the seminar. | Sandra Lujan slujan9@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 2:00 p.m.** | RG B300 | **Knowing How to Assist During a Heart Attack: Essential Skills and Response Strategies** | This workshop is intended for all individuals and covers the basics of CPR and AED usage. Please note that this workshop does NOT provide certification. | Ana Guerrero aguerre@epcc.edu |

## REMOTE LEARNING

| Remote Learning with Distance Learning Support Services (DLSS) | | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | VV A 1515 | **Best Practices: Using 3rd-Party Content with Blackboard Learn (F2F)** | Learn how to pair publisher content to Blackboard to make it simple for your students to access.  We will also discuss how to use publisher-tied content, such as tests and quizzes when using the Respondus Lockdown Browser. | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 6:00 p.m.** | Online | **EPCC Blackboard Users Group (Virtual)** | If you use Blackboard, then you are a member of EBUG. Join this session to learn about DLSS initiatives, LMS updates, and best practices for using the technology in your classroom. | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **Developing Authentic Assessments (Virtual)** | AI is changing the way we assess student learning. To meet this challenge, we will learn how to develop and provide students with authentic assessments. | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 11:00 a.m.** | Online | **Enhancing Student Engagement through Mastering Products** | This workshop assists faculty using "My Lab Mastering Products" (MP) in the Math and Sciences. In addition, this workshop demonstrates creating MP links via Blackboard. | Fariba Ansari fansari@epcc.edu |
| **Tuesday 12:00 p.m.** | VV C Bldg. Café Annex | **EBUG: EPCC Blackboard Users Group (F2F)** *Please RSVP to assist us in getting an accurate count for catering.* | If you use Blackboard, then you are a member of EBUG. Join this session to learn about DLSS initiatives, LMS updates, and best practices for using the technology in your classroom. Meet the new DLSS Instructional Designer.  **Lunch provided!** | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |

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| **Wednesday 12:00 p.m.** | VV B 124 | **Using McGraw Hill's Connect to Set Up Your Federal Government Course** | Get tailored support for setting up your government course, whether in-person or online, using McGraw Hill's Connect. | James Stepp jstepp@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV B 124 | **How to Set Up Sage Vantage for Your Texas Government Course** | Sage Vantage is a learning platform that works with Blackboard to provide students with tools and innovative assignments. Learn how to create and pair your course. | James Stepp jstepp@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Developing Authentic Assessments (Virtual)** | AI is changing the way we assess student learning. To meet this challenge, we will learn how to develop and provide students with authentic assessments. | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 4:00 p.m.** | Online | **Pearson & Blackboard** | If you're using Pearson's MyLab/Mastering in your course and want to learn how to link your course to Blackboard, this workshop is for you! During our time together we will cover how to create a course on Pearson, link the course to Blackboard, and sync grades. | Blanca Lopez blanca.lopez@pearson.com |
| **Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** | Online | **Best Practices: Using 3rd-Party Content with Blackboard Learn (Virtual)** | Learn how to pair publisher content to Blackboard to make it simple for your students to access. We will also discuss how to use publisher-tied content, such as tests and quizzes when using the Respondus Lockdown Browser. | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **Blackboard Learn AI Design Assistant (Virtual)** | Join us to learn how the AI Design Assistant can help you design rubrics, authentic assessments, test questions, and more! | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 2:00 p.m.** | VV A 2326 | **CONNECT/McGraw Hill Software Training for Business Courses** | This workshop offers CONNECT/McGraw Hill Refresher Software Training for Business Discipline classes. McGraw-Hill's "Connect" is a web-based assignment and assessment platform that helps instructors connect students to their coursework and to succeed beyond the course. | Lisbeth Ragona lreyes26@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Blackboard Learn AI Design Assistant (Virtual)** | Join us to learn how the AI Design Assistant can help you design rubrics, authentic assessments, test questions, and more! | Luz Cadena lcaden10@epcc.edu |

| Remote Learning with the Technology Resource Center (TRC) | | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| **Monday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Using Teams to Facilitate Your Teaching** | Microsoft Teams can be used as a stand-alone LMS or as a supplement to your current LMS.  Come and learn how you and your students can communicate easily with the Teams chat.  We will also go over the basics of using Teams in your classroom. | Janine Rudnick jrudnick@epcc.edu |
| **Monday 4:00 p.m.** | Online | **Engaging Your Online and F2F Students** | Engagement techniques can be used in areas such as classrooms, online courses, and learning centers. | Janine Rudnick jrudnick@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 10:00 a.m.** | VV C 202 | **Getting Started with Podcasting Inside and Outside of the Classroom** | Come join us at the TRC for some tips and tricks for how to use Podcasting as a way of delivering content to your students and as a way of assessing students' learning. We'll also walk through how to use the brand-new equipment available at the Technology Resource Center. | Joshua Hevert jhevert@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 3:00 p.m.** | VV C 202 | **The Multimedia Studio (Lightboard, Podcast, and Video Recording)** | Our Technology Resource Center (TRC) has recently unveiled a Multimedia Studio. We extend a warm invitation to all staff, faculty, and students to explore this exciting new place. | Fernando Mares fmares8@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 1:00 p.m.** | VV A2326 | **SAM and Mindtap Software Training for Business Courses** | This workshop reviews SAM and Mindtap Refresher Software Training for Business Discipline classes. Cengage SAM, an engaging and interactive online learning environment, transforms students into Microsoft Office and computer concept masters. | Lisbeth Ragona lreyes26@epcc.edu |

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# CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WORKSHOPS

| Center for Students with Disabilities Mini-Conference (CSD) | | | | |
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| **Day & Start Time** | **Location** | **Title** | **Brief Description** | **Contact** |
| **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** | VV AST 129 | **ADA Law and the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) Services Overview** | This workshop will cover ADA law in the educational setting and a brief review of the services & accommodations offered to students with disabilities. | John Estrada jestra90@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 10:00 a.m.** | VV AST 125 | **Who Are These People in My Classroom?** | This workshop describes the role of note-takers and sign language interpreters for students registered with the Center for Students with Disabilities. | John Webber jwebber@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 11:00 a.m.** | VV AST 122 | **Everything You Wanted to Know About Accommodations (But Were Afraid to Ask)** | This workshop provides a candid discussion addressing the Center for Students with Disabilities and Accessibility Services. This session aims to clarify common queries: the purpose of these forms and correspondences, recipients' obligations, the significance of testing accommodations, and protocols for addressing uncertainties. | Angelique Junell apatino2@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 12:00 p.m.** | VV AST 120 | **Testing with the Center for Students with Disabilities: Similar Yet Distinct Approaches** | Learn about CSD methods of testing, accommodations during testing, technology use during testing. Work in collaboration with Instructors to test ethically and ensure student success together. | Mariana Parra eparra16@epcc.edu |
| **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.** | VV AST 129 | **Assistive Technology is Awesome!** | Learn how assistive technology helps students be successful in College through the Center for Students with Disabilities. | Erick Garcia egarc481@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 9:00 a.m.** | Online | **ADA Law and the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) Services Overview** | This workshop will cover ADA law in the educational setting and a brief review of the services & accommodations offered to students with disabilities. | John Estrada jestra90@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 12:00 p.m.** | Online | **Testing with the Center for Students with Disabilities: Similar Yet Distinct Approaches** | CSD testing information regarding accommodations, methods of testing, and technology. CSD will promote working in collaboration with Instructors to provide quality services to students. | Mariana Parra eparra16@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 1:00 p.m.** | Online | **Assistive Technology is Awesome!** | Learn how assistive technology helps students be successful in College through the Center for Students with Disabilities. | Erick Garcia egarc481@epcc.edu |
| **Thursday 2:00 p.m.** | Online | **Who Are These People in My Classroom?** | This workshop describes the role of note-takers and sign language interpreters for students registered with the Center for Students with Disabilities. | John Webber jwebber@epcc.edu |

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**Workshop: [Mental Health Committee Update](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Guadalupe Marshall, [gibarra@epcc.edu](mailto:gibarra@epcc.edu), (915) 831-4040
**Presenter(s)**: Guadalupe Marshall
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Mental health should be a priority for everyone. The EPCC Mental Health Committee is dedicated to promoting awareness and well-being among faculty, staff, and students. Join us to learn about our initiatives aimed at raising awareness and promoting mental health. This presentation will showcase our mission and projects. We welcome new members and fresh ideas.

**Workshop: [Go Forth, Weigh Less](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Adriana Flores, [aflor264@epcc.edu](mailto:aflor264@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2534
**Presenter(s)**: Adriana Flores and Sandra Ornelas
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop centers on reducing mental and emotional burdens to foster a healthier, happier life. It is about moving forward with greater ease, unburdened by the things we cannot change or that do not serve our well-being. This workshop offers key steps and activities designed to boost mental health and ease stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health difficulties. Every small step leads to a lighter and more manageable state of mind and emotions, paving the way for a happier and more satisfying journey through life.

**Workshop: Grounding Through Elements**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Christina Diaz, [cdiaz108@epcc.edu](mailto:cdiaz108@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2073
**Presenter(s)**: Christina Diaz
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B254
**Description**: Meditative grounding reduces stress.  Meditative breathing and tactile manipulatives based on the four elements of nature will help employees reconnect and reduce stress levels.

**Workshop: [EPCC Mini Grant Success Story: Guest Residency with Christian Denice](#)**
**All Employees –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Alexis Anderson, [aander46@epcc.edu](mailto:aander46@epcc.edu), (915) 831-3237
**Presenter(s)**: Alexis Anderson and Jermey Edmonson
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: EPCC Mini Grant Success Story: The Guest Residency with Christian Denice workshop advocated for the importance of guest residencies in Dance education. The purpose of this workshop is to present contextual factors and provide sensemaking ideas that will best help drive our students' success in fine arts disciplines. This presentation will also provide an in-depth analysis of our EPCC Dance students' access to resident artists in comparison to other community college Dance programs in Texas.

**Workshop: [Empowering Faculty and Students With Early Alert 2.0](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Lujan, [slujan9@epcc.edu](mailto:slujan9@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2279
**Presenter(s)**: Sandra Lujan and Margie Nelson Rodriguez
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**

**Description**: Learn about the Early Alert System at EPCC and its use in classes. Access the Early Alert System from Blackboard and attend our Early Alert Training to make your classes more equitable and inclusive. Updates on Early Alert, including new features and tools to engage and support students, will be shared!

**Workshop: CAMPUS TOUR OF NW: Walking with Confidence at the Northwest Campus**
**New Faculty –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Sonia Santana, slope189@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8817
**Presenter(s)**: Sonia Santana
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Northwest Campus  **Room**: M45
**Description**: This workshop is to welcome to new and returning employees.  It is designed to provide essential information about the Northwest campus. Knowing where all the classrooms and offices are is important because faculty can confidently make referrals when needed so our students can succeed in their education. We are a small campus, and it is essential for the faculty and staff to know each other and work together. Together we can make a big impact and change a student's life, one at a time.

**Workshop: PREP Lab Open House**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Laura Gonzalez, lgonza41@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2568
**Presenter(s)**: Laura Gonzalez and Toni Granillo
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1415
**Description**: We invite all faculty and staff to our PREP Lab Open House. Explore our lab, equipped with 30 new computers and two printers, and consider reserving it for your future classes. PREP Advisors will be available to discuss how they can assist students with the TSIA2 and TEAS exams.

**Workshop: The Office of Student Success Tutoring Centers and Resources**
**All Employees –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Janice DeWitt, jdewitt@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2665
**Presenter(s)**: Janice DeWitt, Della Truman, and Patricia Heidenescher
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Students seeking help outside of classes can turn to Student Success Tutors for Online and Face-to-Face tutoring provided by the Office of Student Success! This free service assists EPCC students in achieving better grades, passing courses, and preparing for tests. Early and regular attendance is encouraged. Through collaboration and conversation, our goal is to support students effectively. Join us in Connecting the Dots to inform and demonstrate the availability of free help for EPCC courses, driving student success together.

**Workshop: Crafting Custom Assignments: Aligning with Part II Syllabus Goals for New English Faculty**
**New Faculty –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Regina Muir, rchav135@epcc.edu, (915) 588-1127
**Presenter(s)**: Regina Muir and Tony Nelson
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: Join us for refreshments as we navigate the curricular requirements of your Part II Syllabi. We can show you how careful and creative planning can help tailor assignments to meet your syllabus and personal teaching style.

**Workshop: AR/VR Technology in Classroom**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗️
**For more information, please contact**: Roshanak Jafari, rjafari@epcc.edu, (915)319-0224
**Presenter(s)**: Roshanak Jafari
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

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**Description**: AR/VR technology enables students to visualize and interact with concepts beyond the regular classroom. Initially used in STEM, AR/VR is now embraced in Arts, English, and Social Studies. Transitioning from books and movies to AR/VR breathes life into social sciences, especially when real-world experiences are impractical. All academic and career education courses can leverage this technology to engage students and improve learning outcomes.

**Workshop: CAMPUS TOUR OF TM: The Transmountain Tour**
**New Faculty –**
**For more information, please contact**: Tim Watkins, twatkin3@epcc.edu, (575) 202-2221
**Presenter(s)**: Tim Watkins
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Transmountain Campus  **Room**: 1704
**Description**: This workshop will be a guided tour of the Transmountain Campus.

**Workshop: Understanding Your TRS & Supplemental 403b Benefits**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jesus Valdivia, Jr., jesusvaldivia.oic@gmail.com, (915) 479 4229
**Presenter(s)**: Jesus Valdivia Jr, Gabriel Gonzales, and Rita Rollins
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/124
**Description**: This financial literacy workshop aims to help El Paso Community College employees understand their Teacher State Retirement System and supplemental 403(b) savings options. Learn why 8.25% of your paycheck is deducted, the benefits of your retirement system, and the power of your pension. This interactive session will cover key aspects of the state retirement system, with opportunities for questions. We look forward to meeting you and helping you take control of your financial future. (Se Habla Español)

**Workshop: The Hero's Path: A D&D Quest for Open Educational Resources**
**All Employees –**
**For more information, please contact**: Amanda Leigh Gomez, agome122@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7791
**Presenter(s)**: Amanda Gomez
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/125
**Description**: Embark on a journey through the realms of Open Educational Resources (OER) in this interactive D&D-inspired workshop! Join fellow adventurers as we explore the vast landscapes of freely accessible educational materials, encountering monsters of traditional copyright barriers and treasures of collaborative learning along the way. Learn how to wield OER spells to empower teaching and learning quests in diverse educational settings. Uncover the secrets of OER creation, curation, and utilization to enhance educational adventures for all learners. Prepare to roll the dice, unleash creativity, and forge new pathways towards accessible and equitable education in our digital age.

**Workshop: Program Building With Your Students in Mind**
**Coordinators –**
**For more information, please contact**: Rebekah Bell, rbell13@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2134
**Presenter(s)**: Rebekah Bell
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: As conversations on Program Maps and Curriculum Mapping restarts there are multiple tools that can make your work easier.  In this session data sources, key Pathways components, college resources, and samples will be shared to help all EPCC disciplines be ready for their next Pathways and learning outcomes assessment conversations.  Everything a discipline will need for their December learning outcome submissions will be covered.

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**Workshop: [Breathe Through It](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Adriana Flores, [aflor264@epcc.edu](mailto:aflor264@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2534
**Presenter(s)**: Adriana Flores and Sandra Ornelas
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: "Breathe Through It" reminds us that deep, mindful breaths can help us find calm in stressful times, allowing us to pause and think more clearly before we act. This simple yet effective technique helps manage stress, improve emotional well-being, and build resilience, enabling us to handle tough situations more calmly and confidently. This workshop will cover the importance of mindful breathing for mental health and provide an opportunity to learn and practice this skill to maintain strength and balance in difficult situations.

**Workshop: The Better Meaning of Tenure**
**All Employees –** 📊
**For more information, please contact**: Raul M. Arizpe, [rarizpe1@epc.edu](mailto:rarizpe1@epc.edu), (915) 831-2424
**Presenter(s)**: Raul Arizpe
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus:** Valle Verde Campus **Room**: A1118
**Description**: Tenure should be seen as more than just job security based on time served; it should reflect our contributions to improving our roles. While we all seek satisfying and gainful employment, it's crucial to consider how we enhance, maintain, and develop our positions to benefit ourselves and the college community. We will explore tenure from the perspectives of human, social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

**Workshop: [Understanding Your Current Teacher/Employee Pension Benefits & 403b Supplemental Options](#)**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jesus Valdivia, Jr., [jesusvaldivia.oic@gmail.com](mailto:jesusvaldivia.oic@gmail.com), (915) 479-4229
**Presenter(s)**: Jesus Valdivia Jr and Gabriel Gonzales
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 11:00-11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/124
**Description**: The Financial Literacy Wellness Workshop helps El Paso Community College employees understand their Teacher State Retirement System and supplemental 403(b) options. Learn why 8.25% of your paycheck is deducted, the benefits of your retirement system, and the power of your pension. This interactive session covers key aspects of the state retirement system and offers a Q&A opportunity. We look forward to meeting and assisting you in taking control of your financial future! (Se Habla Español)

**Workshop: Breaking Up Lectures for Student Engagement**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎗️
**For more information, please contact**: Suzanne Ramirez, [srami186@epcc.edu](mailto:srami186@epcc.edu), (915) 242-3863
**Presenter(s)**: Suzanne Ramirez and Diana Esparza Lara
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus   **Room**: J635
**Description**: Practice collaborative techniques to engage students in the classroom. Collaborative learning involves students working in pairs or small groups to achieve learning goals, reinforcing learning and fostering interpersonal communication. Learn active discussion techniques and incorporate short writing exercises to break up lectures and involve students dynamically in the learning process. Tips for online collaborative learning and first-day activities will also be discussed.

**Workshop: [Self-Care Menu](#)**
**Coordinators –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Claudia Galindo, [cgalin22@epcc.edu](mailto:cgalin22@epcc.edu), (915) 831-3262
**Presenter(s)**: Claudia J. Galindo
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**

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**Description**: Frequently, you find yourself deciding what, where, and when to eat each day, influenced by factors like work schedules, personal responsibilities, health, finances, and mood. How often do you make similar decisions about practicing self-care? Imagine creating your own personalized menu and establishing the ultimate self-care restaurant.


**Workshop: Welcome to the Communication Toolbox!**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Rebekah Bell, rbell13@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2134
**Presenter(s)**: Rebekah Bell
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Do your students need help with writing, speaking, or designing visuals?  This workshop introduces a new tool that is available to you in Blackboard.  It will arrive in your course template and your students can start using it right away!  This toolbox includes EPCC support tools and classroom activity ideas.  Come learn about this tool that can help your students succeed.


**Workshop: How to incorporate OER in Your F2F and Online Courses**
**All Employees –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: John Olgin, jolgin@epcc.edu, (915) 383-5934
**Presenter(s)**: John Olgin and Olienka de La O Fernandez
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop covers creating course activities from scratch using OER.


**Workshop: Quiubole Tejanos!**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Christian M. Salas, csalas69@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2469
**Presenter(s)**: Christian Salas
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The mental health and well-being of everyone at EPCC is a shared responsibility. The Mental Health Committee is committed to supporting this goal. Quiubole Day is a new initiative where EPCC members can connect through the greeting "Quiubole!"—a Spanish slang term for "what's up." Join us on Quiubole Day and Purple and Teal Days to learn how we promote a healthy environment for working and learning together. Discover the materials for faculty that support this mission. Don't forget to practice saying "Quiubole" with your peers!


**Workshop: Using Teams to Facilitate Your Teaching**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Janine Rudnick, jrudnick@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2090
**Presenter(s)**: Janine Rudnick
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Microsoft Teams can be used as a stand-alone LMS or as a supplement to your current LMS.  Come and learn how you and your students can communicate easily with the Teams chat.  We will also go over the basics of using Teams in your classroom.


**Workshop: Employee Assistance Program FAQ  from Deer Oaks**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Victoria Viggers, vviggers@epcc.edu, (915) 831-6465
**Presenter(s)**: Greg Brannan
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The Deer Oaks Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a free service provided for you, and your dependents by your employer. This program offers a wide variety of counseling, referral, and consultation services, which are all designed to assist you and your family in resolving work and life issues in order to live happier,

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healthier, more balanced lives. From stress, addiction, and change management, to locating childcare facilities, legal assistance, and financial challenges, our qualified professionals are here to help. These services are completely confidential and can be easily accessed 24/7, offering you around-the-clock assistance for all of life's challenges.

**Workshop: Best Practices: Using 3rd-Party Content with Blackboard Learn**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831- 2827
**Presenter(s)**: Andrew Lawrence
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1515
**Description**: Learn how to pair publisher content to Blackboard to make it simple for your students to access.  We will also discuss how to use publisher-tied content such as tests and quizzes when using the Respondus Lockdown Browser.

**Workshop: Are You Having Fun? Discover the Benefits of Incorporating Hobbies into Your Life**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Guadalupe Marshall, gibarra@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4040
**Presenter(s)**: Guadalupe Marshall
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: In this busy world, do you make time for hobbies? Do you carve out "me" time in your life? What activities help you relax and bring you joy? In this workshop, you will learn the importance of having a hobby and the mental and physical benefits it offers. We will showcase specific hobbies that boost mental health. So join the fun, and let's share some of our favorite pastimes.

**Workshop: Applying NASA's GLOBE Observer and Protocols to Enhance Learning**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: John Olgin, jolgin@epcc.edu, (915) 383-5934
**Presenter(s)**: John Olgin and Adriana Perez
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Learn to apply NASA GLOBE Observer and protocols in the classroom to enhance student learning and collaboration. Guide students to become community scientists and learn physical sciences through EPCC faculty-developed learning modules.

**Workshop: Creative Collabs: Unleashing 3D Pen Magic for Students**
**All Employees –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Fan Chen, fchen@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2457
**Presenter(s)**: Fan Chen
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/243
**Description**: Discover the versatility of 3D pens in this 3D Pen Workshop, which work like hot glue guns to melt materials like ABS or PLA. This hands-on workshop encourages creativity, allowing participants to design and fabricate 3D objects to take home. Explore endless creative possibilities in a fun, interactive environment.

**Workshop: Student Parent Resource Centers : Helping EPCC Student Parents Succeed!**
**All Employees –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Elizabeth Olivas, eoliva44@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7048
**Presenter(s)**: Elizabeth Olivas, Lucia Rodriguez, and Manuel Herrera
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Transmountain Campus  **Room**: 1700

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**Description**: Come learn about the EPCC Student Parent Resource Centers (SPRC) organized by the Family Friendly Campus Project Teams.  The SPRCs are a new type of support located at each campus for student parents and caregivers. We will share how this project came about to boost overall college completion rates.   EPCC SPRCs provide a welcoming study space for EPCC student parents and their children. Learn about EPCC's involvement in the Postsecondary Leadership Circle Activation Fund from Ascend at the Aspen Institute, and plans to develop a 2-gen approach with child-parent learning activities that can impact education and families for generations to come.

**Workshop: Innovative Interdisciplinary Instruction**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Elizabeth Preza, epreza@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2372
**Presenter(s)**: Elizabeth Preza, Nora Cuvelier, and Clark Myers
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/245
**Description**: "Systems Thinking" offers novel opportunities for teaching and learning complex STEAM problems with contemporary real-world applications. Join us in discussing our experiences and best practices in Architecture, Biology, and Engineering in implementing "Lunar Living." This innovative interdisciplinary project engages students in solving questions about humans living in a lunar community.

**Workshop: The Classroom can be all fun and games**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Melissa Aguilera, magui311@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2151
**Presenter(s)**: Melissa Aguilera
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/125
**Description**: Are your students losing focus in the classroom with the sage on the stage? Join me to learn about how games in the classroom can help students engage with the content using problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills. Bring a game and play a game with me. This is a sharing opportunity too!

**Workshop: Relaxation Techniques and Tips**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Pat Duran, pduran20@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7092 **<span style="color:red">CANCELLED</span>**
**Presenter(s)**: Pat Duran
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/124
**Description**: We are living in stressful times.  Many of us just need to recharge in our hectic lives.  Come join us and have fun learning and sharing techniques to relax and live a stressfree life. TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF!

**Workshop: PREE H2O: An Internship That Trains the Next Generation of Food-Water System Professionals**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Paul Hotchkin, photchki@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2841
**Presenter(s)**: Paul Hotchkin, Elizabeth Preza, and Adriana Perez
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join**
**Description**: Arid and semi-arid regions worldwide face water scarcity and agricultural challenges, and El Paso/Juarez is no exception. Consequently, our region is seeing a growing demand for jobs related to water and food resource management. PREE H2O, a USDA-funded partnership between EPCC and UTEP, aims to place students into these critical roles. This workshop will provide an overview of the water and food systems in our area, highlight the challenges we face, and show you how to engage your students in implementing solutions through the PREE H2O internship program.

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**Workshop: [Formative Assessments to Increase Creativity in the Classroom: Part II](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Christopher Kazanjian, [ckazanji@epcc.edu](mailto:ckazanji@epcc.edu), (915) 831-4523
**Presenter(s)**: Christopher Kazanjian and Michelle Conklin
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Back by popular demand! The presenters will discuss updated formative assessments that go beyond traditional methods like exit tickets and quizzes. We will explore creative approaches to enhance these assessments. Creative assessments can significantly improve student information recall. Get ready to experience some of these techniques and implement them in your classroom.


**Workshop: EMSP Updates**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Angel Carrillo, [acarri47@epcc.edu](mailto:acarri47@epcc.edu), (915) 831-7058
**Presenter(s)**: Angel Carrillo, Tony Ayub, Tim Groover, and Ray Brooks
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Mission Del Paso  **Room**: R101
**Description**: EMSP Updates.


**Workshop: Yoga for Beginners**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Kim Diaz, [kdiaz60@epcc.edu](mailto:kdiaz60@epcc.edu), (915) 831-7210
**Presenter(s)**: Kim Diaz and Patricia Hutson
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/163
**Description**: Yoga is everywhere these days, and there are many styles to explore. While we might feel inspired and awed by yogis' strength and flexibility, we can also feel intimidated by their skill level. Join us to learn about the philosophy, benefits, and basic postures of yoga. This workshop aims to inspire you and help you feel confident in starting your own yoga practice. Please bring a yoga mat and a yoga block.


**Workshop: [Engaging Your Online and F2F Students](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Janine Rudnick, [jrudnick@epcc.edu](mailto:jrudnick@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2090
**Presenter(s)**: Janine Rudnick
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Join me for an exciting workshop where you'll learn to revolutionize your teaching methods with interactive documents. This workshop is for anyone who wants to create more engaging materials to reach students of the modern era. These invigorating and captivating techniques can be used in areas such as classrooms, online courses, and learning centers. From interactive PowerPoint slides to Excel fill-ins and even digital escape rooms, you'll discover a range of tools to enhance learning and foster collaboration among your students.


**Workshop: Finding Zen in Your Office Chair: A Beginner's Guide to Yoga Chair Postures**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Paty Flores Hutson, [pflore56@epcc.edu](mailto:pflore56@epcc.edu), (915) 412-0766
**Presenter(s)**: Paty Flores Hutson and Kim Diaz
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024          **Time**: 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: In today's hectic work environment, finding time for wellness is tough for office-bound faculty and staff. Yet, integrating simple yoga practices can profoundly boost physical and mental health. This proposal introduces a beginner-friendly yoga chair session for offices. Participants will learn basic chair postures, targeting

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stress relief, posture improvement, and energy boost. Our aim is to make yoga accessible within busy office routines, focusing on chair-based exercises to overcome time and space constraints. Expect increased workplace wellness, improved posture, stress management skills, and the ability to seamlessly integrate yoga into daily office life.

**Workshop: Dual Credit Quick Bites**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Lorena Gonzalez, lgonz204@epcc.edu, (915) 831-3248
**Presenter(s)**: Lorena Gonzalez and Sue Selk
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Administrative Service Center  **Room**: Boardroom
**Description**: Interested or want to catch up on what is happening in the Dual Credit and Early College High School world? Join us for some quick Dual Credit bites of information. We will discuss a variety of topics related to the delivery of EPCC college courses in the comprehensive, Early College High Schools, and PTECH Academies.

**Workshop: EPCC Blackboard Users Group Session**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831- 2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena and Andrew Lawrence
**Date**: Monday, August 19, 2024        **Time**: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: If you use Blackboard Learn, join this session to learn about DLSS initiatives, LMS updates, and best practices for using the technology in your classroom.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

**Workshop: DENIAL: The Pros and Cons of Sigmund Freud's Defense Mechanism and How It Can Affect Your Instruction**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Rudy Hernandez, rhern357@epcc.edu, (915) 329-9708
**Presenter(s)**: Rudy Hernandez, Carlos Vargas, and Israel Garcia
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Denial is a defense mechanism introduced by Sigmund Freud, explaining how people convince themselves that the world is better than it is to maintain happiness. By ignoring known facts or circumstances, individuals may feel better temporarily but fail to address their problems, both in the classroom and in life. This session will explore the reality of denial, its recognition, and its positive aspects. Participants will be entertained by examples and can share their own experiences, embracing the idea that we "like to be happy."

**Workshop: Developing Authentic Assessments**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: AI is changing the way we assess student learning. To meet this challenge, we will learn how to develop and provide students with authentic assessments.

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**Workshop: EPCC Cares: Mental Health Support at EPCC**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Carmen Castillo Attar, ccastil6@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2004
**Presenter(s)**: Carmen Castillo-Attar and Valerie Mireles
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B100
**Description**: This workshop will introduce the staff at EPCC Cares and provide an overview of this new program. EPCC Cares offers mental health support for students to empower them to complete and succeed in their educational goals.

**Workshop: The Government Discipline's SLO and Core Update**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: James Stepp, JStepp@epcc.edu, (915) 490-4722
**Presenter(s)**: James Stepp and Rocio Cardiel
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop will detail the Government Discipline's SLO and Core efforts. We will update faculty with the latest developments in these areas.

**Workshop: Walk Away**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Ornelas, sornelas@epcc.edu, (915) 831-3318
**Presenter(s)**: Sandra Ornelas and Adriana Flores
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop focuses on the empowering act of choosing to walk away in mental health situations. This decision involves actively removing oneself from harmful environments or relationships, demonstrating personal strength and self-respect. By fostering resilience and enhancing self-awareness, this approach contributes to a happier life. Join us to explore practical strategies and gain support to make these challenging choices and progress toward improved mental health.

**Workshop: 1st Year Tenure-Track Workshop**
**New Faculty – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, jpache78@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Lorena Gonzalez, Nader Rassaei, Celina Gomez, Antonio Rodarte, and Michael Gonzalez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/120

**Description**: This workshop is for 1st-year probationary faculty. This session will review the tenure procedure, discuss the tenure process, and provide answers to faculty questions.  Moreover, the Tenure Committee will discuss the spirit of the tenure process through a growth mindset and culture of teaching and learning excellence. The Tenure Committee will also provide helpful tips for collecting and documenting information in the portfolio.

**Workshop: Peer-Review Committee Workshop: Overview of the PRC Role**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, jpache78@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Julie Penley, and Lorena Gonzalez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: This workshop is intended for those faculty who were (re)appointed to a Peer Review Committee (PRC) for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. The session will provide an overview of the peer-review committee's philosophy

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and its role. This workshop is in addition to the required 3rd-year and 5th-year PRC workshops and provides different information on how to support tenure-track faculty during the probationary period.


**Workshop: Mastering CNC Plasma Tables: Programming Fundamentals and Operational Mastery with Fusion 360**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Cecil Powell, cpowell3@epcc.edu, (915) 276-8200
**Presenter(s)**: Cecil Powell
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: ATC Welding lab
**Description**: I will provide a quick overview of using Fusion 360 to create or transfer images and then convert them into cut files for the CNC plasma table. Afterward, we will run the program on the CNC plasma table to cut the object or image from metal.


**Workshop: PREP Lab Open House**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Laura Gonzalez, lgonza41@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2568
**Presenter(s)**: Laura Gonzalez and Elizabeth Saldivar
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1415
**Description**: We invite all faculty and staff to our PREP Lab Open House. Explore our lab, equipped with 30 new computers and two printers, and consider reserving it for your future classes. PREP Advisors will be available to discuss how they can assist students with the TSIA2 and TEAS exams.


**Workshop: Achieving the Dream Spring 2024: A Quick Recap and Summary of the Sessions Attended by Faculty Members Melissa Aguilera and Crystal Robert**
**All Employees –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Crystal Robert, crober27@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2677
**Presenter(s)**: Crystal Robert and Melissa Aguilera
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Join us for a workshop that sheds light on the significance of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) initiative for EPCC. ATD is a nationwide endeavor dedicated to enhancing the success of community college students. ATD was founded to close achievement gaps and accelerate student success by guiding institutional change, influencing public policy, generating knowledge, and engaging the public. Discover insights from Melissa Aguilera and Crystal Robert, both Associate Professors in Speech Communication, as they share their interests and experiences in advising, assessment, and teaching practices at El Paso Community College. Learn how their experiences have influenced their involvement in the latest ATD conference, offering valuable perspectives for our community.


**Workshop: Boundaries for a Healthier Work Environment**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Christian M. Salas, csalas69@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2469
**Presenter(s)**: Christian Salas
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Balancing work, home, and social life is challenging for both our students and us. We're often told to leave our personal life at the door and keep work matters at work. This is easier said than done. So, how can we achieve it? Let's explore ways to improve our boundaries, enhancing our experience in the classroom, office, and home.


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**Workshop: [EPCC Mini-grant Success Story: Master Class and Lecture Recital with Pianist Dr. Zachary Deak](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🎓**
**For more information, please contact**: Alina Vazquez, [avazqu39@epcc.edu](mailto:avazqu39@epcc.edu), (262) 719-4944
**Presenter(s)**: Alina Vazquez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: ~~10:00 - 10:50 a.m.~~ **1:00 - 1:50 p.m.**
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This mini-grant brought a guest pianist to present a lecture recital and master class. Dr. Deak is currently Assistant Professor of Piano and Musicology and Director of Keyboard Studies at Old Dominion University. He also maintains a strong performance career as a soloist and chamber musician across the United States and Europe. Dr. Deak's free lecture recital included a historical background on Claude Debussy's work and the performance of several of his pieces. He also gave a master class where he worked one-on-one with piano students, and discussed the college audition process for students preparing to transfer.

**Workshop: [FAAF Series: A More In-Depth Discussion About Full-Time FAAFS in the Sciences](#)**
**Coordinators – 👥**
**For more information, please contact**: Rebecca Escamilla, [fchen@epcc.edu](mailto:fchen@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2457
**Presenter(s)**: Rebecca Escamilla
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/124
**Description**: Coordinators and faculty will gain a basic understanding of adding courses to the faculty workload for three credit hour courses as well as labs such as those in the sciences. This presentation will contain the full-time work load as well as the basic part-time faculty workload.

**Workshop: 2nd Year Tenure-Track Workshop**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, [jpache78@epcc.edu](mailto:jpache78@epcc.edu), (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Lorena Gonzalez, Nader Rassaei, Celina Gomez, Antonio Rodarte, and Michael Gonzalez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/120
**Description**: This workshop is for 2nd-year probationary faculty. This session will review the tenure procedure, discuss the tenure process, and provide answers to faculty questions. Probationary faculty make EPCC and El Paso a better place. The Tenure Committee will discuss the philosophy of "giving back" to the community during your probationary period. The Tenure Committee will also provide helpful tips for collecting and documenting information in the portfolio.

**Workshop: 3rd Year Tenure-Track Workshop**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, [jpache78@epcc.edu](mailto:jpache78@epcc.edu), (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Scott Mann, David Raley, and Adriana Perez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: This workshop is required for 3rd year probationary faculty. This session will review the tenure procedure, discuss the tenure process, and provide answers to faculty questions. The Committee will discuss the value of the Third Year Recommendations from your Peer Review Committee and Administrative Supervisor. The Tenure Committee will also discuss maintaining your engagement and involvement in both service to the college and community during the remainder of your probationary period.

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**Workshop: [Cultivating Critical Minds: The Embedded Librarian Initiative for First-Year Success](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Lorely Ambriz, [lambriz@epcc.edu](mailto:lambriz@epcc.edu), (915) 831-8886
**Presenter(s)**: Rebekah Bell, Lorely Ambriz, and Gale Sanchez
**Date**: ~~Tuesday, August 20, 2024~~  **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Participate in the Embedded Librarian Workshop to empower first-time college students in problem-solving and critical thinking. Collaborate with a librarian to facilitate access to various information resources, igniting critical thinking. Unveil new resources aiding students and aligning with core curriculum learning outcomes. Explore how library instruction fosters EPCC Institutional Student Learning Outcome #2 - Critical Thinking.

**Workshop: [Enhancing Student Engagement through Mastering Products](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Fariba Ansari, [fansari@epcc.edu](mailto:fansari@epcc.edu), (915) 274-0603
**Presenter(s)**: Fariba Ansari and Blanca Lopez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop assists faculty using "My Lab Mastering Products" (MP) in the Math and Sciences. In addition, this workshop demonstrates creating MP links via Blackboard. New features such as tutorial videos, evaluations, grading systems, PowerPoints, and grade synchronizing, along with resources on how to use the MP links will be covered. Lastly, how to determine student success through EPCC student learning outcomes (SLOs) will be reviewed.

**Workshop: [Mini-Grant Success Story: EPCC Terra Earth Week Events](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Reyna Muñoz, [rmuno127@epcc.edu](mailto:rmuno127@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2286
**Presenter(s)**: Reyna Munoz and Donna Muñoz
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop will showcase how each Earth Week event helped unite our community in learning about sustainability and promoting eco-friendly practices. These events positioned EPCC as a proactive participant in raising environmental awareness and encouraging action by collaborating with business and industry partners. We hosted various activities, including workshops and demonstrations on sustainability, panel discussions with company representatives, career and vendor fairs for environmentally-focused employers, as well as "green" contests and family-friendly movie nights.

**Workshop: [Qi Gong for Health](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Carla Newman, [cnewman2@epcc.edu](mailto:cnewman2@epcc.edu), (915) 549-2662
**Presenter(s)**: Carla Newman
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Qi gong has been used for centuries to improve relaxation, flexibility, and overall wellness, in addition to improving whole body awareness. We will engage in some relatively simple, yet powerful, postures and movements, while developing body awareness and relaxation as our primary goals.

**Workshop: Cultivating Academic English: Essential Components, Additional Enhancements, and Strategies for Achievement**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: James Dewane, [jdewane@epcc.edu](mailto:jdewane@epcc.edu), (915) 231-8326
**Presenter(s)**: James Dewane and Victoria Estrada
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1122

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**Description**: In our discussions, we warmly acknowledge different backgrounds and accents of our speakers contributing to conversations in English. At an academic level, refining communication is valuable to ensure mutual understanding. This workshop aims to emphasize the essential elements needed for effective communication in academic and professional settings, irrespective of accent. Furthermore, it provides instructors with tools and techniques to assist students in enhancing their communication skills for successful professional interactions.

**Workshop: CAMPUS TOUR OF VV: Navigating the Largest Campus at EPCC!**
**New Faculty –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Rebekah Bell, rbell13@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2134
**Presenter(s)**: Rebekah Bell
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: VV  **Room**: A 1717
**Description**: Are you new to VV and already feeling overwheled? Are you wondering where to make copies, pick up your mail, and what side of the A building your office is in? Join us for a guided tour of the VV campus!

**Workshop: 4th & 5th Year Tenure-Track Workshop**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, jpache78@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Scott Mann, David Raley, and Adriana Perez
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: This workshop is required for 4th & 5th  year probationary faculty. This session will review the tenure procedure, discuss the tenure process, and provide answers to faculty questions. The Committee will review the value of the Third Year Recommendations from your Peer Review Committee and Administrative Supervisor during the remainder of your probationary period. The Committee will also discuss the value of the 5th Year Review Process from your Peer Review Committee and Administrative Supervisor.

**Workshop: Engaging Philosophical Inquiry to Implement a Pragmatist Pedagogy**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Andres Muro, amuro5@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4161
**Presenter(s)**: Andres Muro
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/124
**Description**: This presentation describes how to use pragmatist philosophical theory to inform practice.   Unlike most educational programs that do not attempt to connect theory to practice, this workshop engages in philosophical inquiry to better understand how a theoretical understanding can enhance pedagogy.  Three philosophers, namely Maxine Greene, John Dewey, and Paulo Freire will inform this workshop.

**Workshop: EPCC Blackboard Users Group Session**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena and Andrew Lawrence
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: Cafeteria Annex
**Description**: If you use Blackboard to teach, join us to learn of DLSS initiatives, LMS updates, and best practices for using the technology in your classroom.

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**Workshop: [The Adjunct Forum](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Pat Barrientos, [pbarrien@epcc.edu](mailto:pbarrien@epcc.edu), (915) 490-8820
**Presenter(s)**: Pat Barrientos and Rene Castañeda
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Adjuncts are invited to meet with Pat Barrientos, Vice-President of Adjuncts, as well as Faculty Senate and campus Senators representing adjuncts at each campus, to discuss issues and concerns in hopes of finding resolutions. Get updates from the Faculty Senate on adjunct concerns, be involved, and let your voices be heard!

**Workshop: Best Practices for Examination Item Analysis in Nursing Education**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Hafid A. Guerrero, [hguerr20@epcc.edu](mailto:hguerr20@epcc.edu), (915) 831-4530
**Presenter(s)**: Dr. Hafid Guerrero
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H234
**Description**: This workshop is designed to enhance nursing educators' skills in evaluating and improving the effectiveness of their exam questions. It explores key concepts in item analysis available in the Blackboard Ultra LMS, including difficulty and discrimination indices. Participants will learn to use statistical tools to assess the quality of their exams, identify items that need revision, and create more reliable and valid assessments. Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, attendees will gain practical strategies to enhance the quality of their nursing education assessments.

**Workshop: Designing Your EPCC Electronic Tenure Portfolio: A Workshop for New Faculty**
**New Faculty –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Lorely Ambriz, [lambriz@epcc.edu](mailto:lambriz@epcc.edu), (915) 831-8886
**Presenter(s)**: Lorely Ambriz and Janine Rudnick
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/129
**Description**: In this workshop, we will demonstrate how to customize and add your personal design to the EPCC electronic tenure portfolio template through MS OneNote and learn about key features for getting organized, adding tabs, adding documents and pictures, changing colors and fonts, and descriptive notes. We will also review how to create Adobe PDFs from born-digital documents to avoid scanning and creating a backup of your electronic portfolio. Additionally, you will learn how to share your electronic portfolio with your Peer Review Committee. This workshop is not mandatory and is intended for tenure-track faculty candidates in years 1 and 2.

**Workshop: Speech Communication GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) Session**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Erika Portillo, [eporti46@epcc.edu](mailto:eporti46@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2843
**Presenter(s)**: Erika Portillo
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/261
**Description**: Join this dynamic workshop to learn innovative strategies for teaching Speech Communication at EPCC. We will share interactive techniques, aha! moments, and discover the newest presentation tools. Exchange ideas with fellow Speech faculty and discover new approaches to engage students. Enhance your teaching toolkit and empower students to communicate with confidence and clarity. Full-time, Adjunct, and Dual Credit Speech faculty are invited!

**Workshop: [Faculty and Staff Support Groups: What to Expect](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Crisol Escobedo, [cescob11@epcc.edu](mailto:cescob11@epcc.edu), (915) 831-8918
**Presenter(s)**: Crisol Escobedo and Carrie Van Houdt
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024        **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

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**Description**: Starting soon, EPCC faculty and staff can join mental health support groups sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness). These groups will follow evidence-based NAMI guidelines. The upcoming session will explain the purpose, structure, rules, and confidentiality of the support groups, giving participants an idea of what to expect.

**Workshop**: **Learning about Student and Faculty Resources: Explore Multiple Programs and Services**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Laura Erickson Alvarado, lerickso@epcc.edu, (915) 4901313
**Presenter(s)**: Laura Erickson Alvarado
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: EPCC offers vast resources for students and faculty. Come and learn about them! Students can thrive in the classroom and faculty can enrich their professional journeys. This workshop will cover the resources students can use to succeed as well as many services/programs available to faculty.

**Workshop: Back to the Basics: Implementing What Dale Carnegie Taught us a Century Ago**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Carrie Van Houdt, cmelia@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2458
**Presenter(s)**: Carrie Van Houdt
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: In 1936, Dale Carnegie published How to Win Friends and Influence People. A century later, the book is still relatable and being sold in stores. Carnegie lists many essential principles for dealing with people (e.g., "don't criticize others"). The principles are divided into four parts: fundamental techniques, how to make people like you, how to win people to your way of thinking, and how to be a leader. Many of these principles would be excellent to use with our students in the classroom, and even with our co-workers! In this workshop we will go over several of Carnegie's principles and discuss how to implement them.

**Workshop: Academic Coaching Empowers Students: Come Learn How!**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Lujan, slujan9@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2279
**Presenter(s)**: Paul Hotchkin
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: EPCC students and faculty often express a desire for more productive interactions. Faculty-student interactions are vital for student success. Academic coaching empowers students, enhances faculty-student interactions, and fosters meaningful relationships. This workshop defines academic coaching and provides examples of its application. Instructors recently trained in academic coaching will share their experiences. Gain principles and strategies to enrich student interactions this semester.

**Workshop: All Things Student Success Initiatives!**
**New Faculty –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Rebekah Bell, rbell13@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2134
**Presenter(s)**: Rebekah Bell
**Date**: Tuesday, August 20, 2024          **Time**: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Administrative Service Center  **Room**: A158
**Description**: EPCC offers a variety of Student Success Initiatives. Learn what they are, how to connect your students with them, and how to collaborate with these initiatives as a faculty member.

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**Workshop: Biology CCA Updates and Training**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Claire Wells, cwells19@epcc.edu, (915) 262-1160
**Presenter(s)**: Claire Wells, Roshanak Jafari, Diego Reyes, Trevor Duarte, and Miguel Vasquez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H242
**Description**: The Biology discipline's fifth cycle of the Core Curriculum Assessment (CCA) will be introduced. We will give updated information on the new assessment and rubrics from all Biology courses added to the CCA. The Biology Core Curriculum's Assessment changes, interventions, and best practices will be discussed.


**Workshop: Common Myths About Exercise**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Paulina De Santiago, pdesan11@epcc.edu, (915) 328-3262
**Presenter(s)**: Paulina De Santiago
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B100
**Description**: If you've heard phrases like "no pain, no gain" or "cardio is the best way to lose weight" and aren't sure if they're true, this workshop is for you. We'll discuss popular fitness myths, why they're widespread, and help you correct misconceptions to get the most out of your workouts.


**Workshop: Continued ACEN Introduction for All Nursing Faculty**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 📈
**For more information, please contact**: Pauline A. Ballesteros, pballes1@epcc.edu, (915) 449-8994
**Presenter(s)**: Pauline A. Ballesteros, Irma Ansalmo Carlos, and Virginia Madrid
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H014
**Description**: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) holds significant importance for nursing faculty, particularly newcomers, as it outlines accreditation standards. Every eight years, the nursing program must demonstrate educational compliance. Faculty serve on various ACEN committees, responsible for data collection in line with accreditation guidelines, collectively contributing to maintaining accreditation.


**Workshop: CSD Mini Conference: ADA Law and the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) Services Overview**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: John Estrada, jestra90@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2736
**Presenter(s)**: John Estrada and Martha Brown
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/129
**Description**: The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) will be hosting a mini conference providing essential information about various CSD services & accommodations. This introductory workshop will cover ADA law in the educational setting, the services & accommodations that CSD offers to students with disabilities, and will also provide a brief overview of the other workshops in this mini conference series. Learn more about how CSD helps students with disabilities achieve their college dreams.


**Workshop: Cultivating Mindfulness: A Journey of Self-Care and Professional Growth**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Paty Flores Hutson, pflore56@epcc.edu, (915) 412-0766
**Presenter(s)**: Paty Flores Hutson, Kim Diaz, Eduardo Flores
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

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**Description**: In today's fast-paced environment, we often find ourselves overwhelmed with responsibilities, deadlines, and the pressure to excel in our respective fields. Therefore, it's essential to prioritize self-care and adopt practices that promote well-being. This presentation aims to explore the transformative power of mindfulness in the lives of two professors and one counselor and how they incorporate mindfulness into their daily routines for personal growth. We hope that through the narratives and practical strategies shared in this presentation, you discover not only the transformative potential of mindfulness but also the inspiration to integrate mindfulness practices into your daily lives.

**Workshop: Grant Seeking in Higher Education**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: James Valdez, jvald172@epcc.edu, (915) 831- 6762
**Presenter(s)**: James Valdez, Robert Elliott, Arlene Alarcon, and Jessie Arellano
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop offers comprehensive training in searching for grants, conducting grant research, writing grant proposals, and grant management. Participants will learn how to find and apply for Federal, State, and non-government grants

**Workshop: Top 5 Mental Illnesses Affecting College Students**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Sonia Santana, slope189@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8817
**Presenter(s)**: Sonia Santana
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Northwest Campus  **Room**: M48
**Description**: College can be an exciting new experience for many students, but research shows that over 60% of college students meet the criteria for one or more mental health issues. Join our workshop to learn about the five most prevalent mental illnesses among students, understand which students are most vulnerable, and gain insights into recognizing symptoms and making appropriate referrals within the college. We'll also share self-care practices that support student well-being, empowering you to pass on valuable strategies to your students.

**Workshop: What's in Your Library Orientation Session?**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Blake Klimasara, bklimasa@epcc.edu, (915) 304-7196
**Presenter(s)**: Blake Klimasara
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/127
**Description**: New and returning faculty who are unfamiliar with library orientations are encouraged to attend this Library Orientation Workshop. Library orientations are more than just sessions to familiarize students with the services, spaces, and resources offered in the library. Come learn about our innovative approaches to fostering education that develops your students' information literacy skills, leading to better academic success and promoting lifelong learning.

**Workshop: Where Have All the Manners Gone? Rediscovering Politeness in Daily Interactions**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Mayra Childress, mtorr350@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4069
**Presenter(s)**: Mayra Childress and Alvino Hernandez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/120
**Description**: Join us to rediscover the lost treasure of politeness in everyday interactions. The Rediscovering Politeness Workshop will explore what good manners are and how they can improve interactions with students, faculty, friends, strangers, and family. Learn how small gestures can create genuine connections.

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**Workshop: [Connected Learning Theory](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Tim Watkins, [twatkin3@epcc.edu](mailto:twatkin3@epcc.edu), (575) 202-2221
**Presenter(s)**: Tim Watkins
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The digital age is also known as the age of connectivity. Most of our students are known as digital natives, which refers to those who were born after the world was connected through the internet. Connected Learning Theory promotes strategies to teach undergraduate students how to connect personally and digitally with academics, personal interests, and peers to develop credible research skills.

**Workshop: CSD Mini-Conference: Who Are These People in My Classroom?**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: John Webber, [jwebber@epcc.edu](mailto:jwebber@epcc.edu), (915) 831-3217
**Presenter(s)**: John Webber, Carmen Mendoza, and Bill Robnett
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/125
**Description**: This workshop describes the role of note-takers and sign language interpreters for students registered with the Center for Students with Disabilities.

**Workshop: Getting Started with Podcasting Inside and Outside of the Classroom**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Joshua Hevert, [jhevert@epcc.edu](mailto:jhevert@epcc.edu), (808) 265-0958
**Presenter(s)**: Joshua Hevert
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: C202
**Description**: Come join us at the TRC for some tips and tricks for how to use Podcasting as a way of delivering content to your students and as a way of assessing students' learning. We'll also walk through how to use the brand-new equipment available at the Technology Resource Center.

**Workshop: Mini Grant Success Story: Climate Power and Politics**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Rocio Cardiel, [rcardie2@epcc.edu](mailto:rcardie2@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2710
**Presenter(s)**: Rocio Cardiel
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Mini-Grant Success Story: I will describe the process and outcomes of receiving a Mini-Grant from proposal to reimbursement.

**Workshop: The Post Tenure Review Process**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Steve Smith, [ssmith54@epcc.edu](mailto:ssmith54@epcc.edu), (915) 831-6472
**Presenter(s)**: Steve Smith, Lorely Ambriz, Albert Burnham, Helga Carrion, Jeffrey Brockhoff, Veronica Dominguez, Celina Gomez, Diane Medina, Andrea Rico-Elizondo, Alfredo Salas, and Michelle Conklin
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Administrative Service Center  **Room**: Auditorium
**Description**: Join us for an informative session on navigating the post-tenure journey. This workshop will cover the procedures and protocols involved and address any questions regarding this latest requirement. Gain valuable insights and receive tips to streamline your post-tenure experience.

**Workshop: [WebAssign for Math - Tips and Tricks](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Lisa Goodrich, [lisa.goodrich@cengage.com](mailto:lisa.goodrich@cengage.com), (915) 539-5984

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**Presenter(s)**: Lisa Goodrich and Ivette Chuca
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Join members of the Cengage/WebAssign content team to learn new tips and tricks for WebAssign. This interactive session is geared toward existing WebAssign users with prior experience.

**Workshop: ACEN Forever.**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –**
**For more information, please contact**: Pauline A. Ballesteros, pballes1@epcc.edu, (915) 449-8994
**Presenter(s)**: Pauline A. Ballesteros, Irma Ansalmo Carlos, Virginia Madrid, Alicia Sosa, Nancy Huff, Joyce Lieb, Anna Favela, Maria O'Toole Corey, Heather Fowler, and Mary Kaough
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H014
**Description**: The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) rules, standards, and guidelines are established for the well-being of the nursing educational program that has been developed and established at EPCC. Standards, 1-5, have specific criteria to be followed in the collection of data in all phases of the nursing program.  Multiple surveys are completed by faculty and students to gather data for the report that is completed every 8 years when ACEN comes to visit.

**Workshop: Exploring Innovative Approaches to Student and Instructor Success**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –**
**For more information, please contact**: Mary A. Yañez, myanez22@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7803
**Presenter(s)**: Mary A. Yanez and Aurora Anaya-Dyer
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Administrative Service Center  **Room**: Bldg B Foyer
**Description**: This workshop guides participants in exploring the possibilities of realizing a new vision for themselves. Many mature students struggle to find their place after retirement. By enrolling in our classes, students embark on a journey of self-discovery, ultimately transforming into who they want to be and achieving their long-desired goals. Be a Better You!

**Workshop: Introducing the New Degree Works: A Showcase of Features and Tools for Student Success**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: John Hensgen, jhensgen@epcc.edu, (915) 831-3220
**Presenter(s)**: John Hensgen and Julian Herrera
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: A NEW LOOK FOR DEGREE WORKS IS HERE! This workshop will provide an in-depth look at the updates and newly introduced tools from a Degree Works update that took place in early June. We will showcase the new look for the Degree Works audit students, counselors, and staff currently use; introduce a new tool available for student and counselor use within Degree Works known as a Student Educational Planner (SEP); go over the launch of the new tool, Transfer Equivalency, anticipated for prospective student use inquiring about how their transfer courses will be used against an EPCC degree plan.

**Workshop: PREP Lab Open House**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –**
**For more information, please contact**: Laura Gonzalez, lgonza41@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2568
**Presenter(s)**: Laura Gonzalez and Pablo Rivera
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1415
**Description**: We invite all faculty and staff to our PREP Lab Open House. Explore our lab, equipped with 30 new computers and two printers, and consider reserving it for your future classes. PREP Advisors will be available to discuss how they can assist students with the TSIA2 and TEAS exams.

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**Workshop: CSD Mini Conference: Everything You Wanted to Know About Accommodations (But Were Afraid to Ask)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** ♀
**For more information, please contact**: Angelique Junell, apatino2@epcc.edu, (915) 831-5120
**Presenter(s)**: Angelique Junell, Gerard Perez, and Alma Valadez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: This workshop provides a candid discussion addressing the Center for Students with Disabilities and Accessibility Services. This session aims to clarify common queries: the purpose of these forms and correspondences, recipients' obligations, the significance of testing accommodations, and protocols for addressing uncertainties.

**Workshop: Environmental Wellness**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Korina Navarro, knavarr3@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7799
**Presenter(s)**: Korina Navarro
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B101
**Description**: Environmental wellness includes having respect for and awareness of your surroundings and playing an active role in your community. This encompasses not just our relationship with the planet and nature, but our relationship with our personal surroundings as well.  When our personal surroundings are well cared for, clean and organized, we experience a greater sense of comfort and less anxiety.

**Workshop: Frankenstein and Dracula: Bringing the Gothic to the Classroom**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Regina Muir, rchav135@epcc.edu, (915) 588-1127
**Presenter(s)**: Regina Muir and Francisco Carrasco
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/125
**Description**: Feeling spooky? Join us for a deep dive into the Gothic genre, spotlighting Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Bram Stoker's Dracula. We'll explore the eerie elements of the genre, uncovering how its values permeate modern literature and resonate with today's societal themes. Get ready for a thrilling discussion that bridges the past and present in the world of Gothic fiction.

**Workshop: OER and Low-Cost Textbook Options for Chemistry Courses**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** ♀
**For more information, please contact**: Veronica Gonzalez, vgonz109@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2407
**Presenter(s)**: Veronica Gonzalez and Karina Castillo
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Discover several OER or low-cost Chemistry textbooks and cost-effective online homework platforms for Organic and Introductory Chemistry courses. Explore options to enhance teaching materials affordably.

**Workshop: Technologies in the Classroom**
**New Faculty –** ♀
**For more information, please contact**: Carlos Mejia, cmejia6@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2321
**Presenter(s)**: Carlos Mejia, Gilbert Garcia, Rosario Ontiveros, Maximiliano Soroa, and Jaime Rodriguez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/307

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**Description**: Provide hands on training using our tech-room podiums.  Provide detailed information on the proper use of equipment in our tech-rooms ( pc, laptop, document camera, ptz camera, and other audio devices. troubleshoot basic methods when using the podiums.

**Workshop: [Eating Healthy On A Budget](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Helga Carrion, [hcarrion@epcc.edu](mailto:hcarrion@epcc.edu), (915) 588-1646
**Presenter(s)**: Helga Carrion
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Nutritious food can be expensive, and it can be difficult to eat a balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables when you're on a tight budget.  There's good news...there are many ways you can save money and still eat healthy, whole foods. Join me for an interactive workshop designed to help you make nutritious food choices without breaking the bank. Whether you're cooking for one or a family, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge and skills to eat well on a budget.

**Workshop: Testing with the Center for Students with Disabilities: Similar Yet Distinct Approaches**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Mariana Parra, [eparra16@epcc.edu](mailto:eparra16@epcc.edu), (915) 831-4198
**Presenter(s)**: Mariana Parra and Alma Herrera
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/120
**Description**: This workshop aims to educate both new and experienced professors about The Center for Students with Disabilities' testing methods and various forms of student accommodation. It will cover testing procedures specific to each campus and the support available for student success. The goal is to foster collaboration between instructors and CSD to provide tailored resources for students while ensuring trust in CSD's exam proctoring services.

**Workshop: Using McGraw Hill's Connect to Set Up Your Federal Government Course**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: James Stepp, [JStepp@epcc.edu](mailto:JStepp@epcc.edu), (915) 490-4722
**Presenter(s)**: James Stepp, Teresa Nevarez, and Rocio Cardiel
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B124
**Description**: Get tailored support for setting up your government course, whether in-person or online, using McGraw Hill's Connect.

**Workshop: Assistive Technology is Awesome!**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Erick Garcia, [egarc481@epcc.edu](mailto:egarc481@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2439
**Presenter(s)**: Erick Garcia and Chris Garcia
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/129
**Description**: Learn how assistive technology helps students be successful in College through the Center for Students with Disabilities.

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**Workshop: Embrace a Healthier You: Discover the Joy of Disc Golf Outdoors!**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Louis Barragan, lbarrag6@epcc.edu, (915) 355-5321
**Presenter(s)**: Jeffrey Brockhoff and Louis Barragan
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/127
**Description**: How'd you like to play an outdoor sporting game that's fun, relatively easy, healthy, and does not cost a lot of money? Have we got a game for you! It's known as disc golf. As one of the fastest growing sports in the country, disc golf is played almost the same way as regular golf, but you throw your golf discs into a tall chain basket. Join us as we teach you the rules and techniques, then go outside for some practice disc throwing - and we'll provide the discs. Disc golf for a better you, give it a try!

**Workshop: Empowering English Discipline Teachers: Overview and Training Updates on Required Outcomes Assessments**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Kelli Wood, kwood@epcc.edu, (915) 831-5065
**Presenter(s)**: Kelli Wood and Aaron Moreno
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1333
**Description**: This workshop is designed for English Discipline teachers and will provide an overview and training updates for required outcomes assessments.

**Workshop: Generative AI: How It Came To Be, How to Use It, and Its Importance in Higher Education**
**All Employees –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Ondrea Wolf, oquiros@epcc.edu, (915) 831-6615
**Presenter(s)**: Ondrea Wolf
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Learn how Generative AI was developed, some prompting basics, and the importance of preparing students for a Gen AI world. This session will cover ways to teach with AI as well as how anyone can use it to be more productive.

**Workshop: How to Set Up Sage Vantage for Your Texas Government Course**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: James Stepp, JStepp@epcc.edu, (915) 490-4722
**Presenter(s)**: James Stepp, Rocio Cardiel, and Teresa Nevarez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B124
**Description**: Sage Vantage is a learning platform that works with Blackboard to provide students with tools and innovative assignments. Learn how to create and pair your course.

**Workshop: Integrating Non-Cognitive Skills into the Classroom**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Lujan, slujan9@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2279
**Presenter(s)**: Sandra Lujan and Ross Markle
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Developing noncognitive skills requires unique interventions. Some, like time management strategies, are direct, while others, like fostering self-efficacy, are more nuanced. This session discusses pedagogical strategies to foster noncognitive skill development. Faculty will learn effective teaching practices within the domains of behavioral, motivational, emotional, and social skills. Gain insights into innovative instructional approaches and compare forms of noncognitive interventions.

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**Workshop: [Latinx Students' Transition to Higher Education](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Jonathan Nickerson, [jnickers@epcc.edu](mailto:jnickers@epcc.edu), (915) 831-1304
**Presenter(s)**: Jonathan Nickerson
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024       **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop will cover Latinx students' transition to higher education and the primary forms of capital students rely on during their first semester.

**Workshop: [Nutritional Showdown: Processed Foods vs. Whole Foods](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Karen Kaplowitz, [kholst@epcc.edu](mailto:kholst@epcc.edu), (915) 240-2066
**Presenter(s)**: Karen Kaplowitz
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024       **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: There are so many convenience foods (processed foods) available to us and the effects of a diet made up mostly of processed foods can increase the risk of many chronic illnesses. The health effects of eating whole foods can reduce the risks of chronic illness. In this workshop, learn about the effects of what a person eats and some tips on reducing the amount of processed foods in the diet.

**Workshop: [Retire Strong: Teacher Retirement, 403(b) Social Security Substitute Plans, and the Income Gap](#)**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: David Yates, [davidyqpen@yahoo.com](mailto:davidyqpen@yahoo.com), (214) 649-6457
**Presenter(s)**: David Yates
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024       **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The Retire Strong series focues on Teacher Retirement, 403b savings plans (Roth or Pre-Tax), Social Security, and Medicare. This workshop will examine how many educators fall victim to the "Hero"s Penalty" that deprive deserving retirees from receiving Social Security benefits due to archaic GPO and WEP offset provisions. This workshop provides valuable insights on how to overcome the Income GAP and collect a full pension at retirement.

**Workshop: Tejano Flex Learning: Started From the Bottom, Now We're Here!**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Fernie Mata, [fmata8@epcc.edu](mailto:fmata8@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2651
**Presenter(s)**: Fernie Mata, Jaymi Wilson, and Andrea Garcia
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024       **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: The Tejano Flex Learning crew invites you to learn about Competency-Based Education (CBE). Whether you're interested or preparing to teach a CBE course, get the information you need to hit the ground running. We'll help you chickity-check yourself before you wreck yourself!

**Workshop: Understanding the Mini-Grant to Enhance Student Learning**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Brack Morrow, [bmorrow2@epcc.edu](mailto:bmorrow2@epcc.edu), (575) 840-8963
**Presenter(s)**: Brack Morrow and Frank Rimbach
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024       **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: Do you have an idea to improve student success, pedagogical practices, professional development, or community involvement? Come learn about the mini-grant process at this Mini-Grant Process Workshop! This workshop encourages faculty to submit mini-grants that benefit students, faculty, staff, and the community. Participants will also learn about the mini-grant application process.

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**Workshop: Becoming Your Best Self: Strategies for Personal Growth and Positive Impact**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Carmen Gomez, cgomez16@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8850
**Presenter(s)**: Carmen Gomez, Veronica Leavitt, and Rose Lopez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 1:30 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A2122
**Description**: Embarking on a journey of self-improvement can often seem like a daunting task, especially when faced with the question of where or how to start. Many of us aspire to be our best selves, but the prospect of achieving personal growth as adults can sometimes feel uncertain. However, the truth is that significant self-development is not only possible but also highly attainable, regardless of age. In this workshop, we'll discuss practical approaches to self-improvement, offering clarity on where to focus your efforts and which aspects of yourself to prioritize. Through interactive discussions and activities, you'll gain valuable insights into the most effective strategies for personal growth. Moreover, as a tangible reminder of your commitment to self-improvement, you'll have the opportunity to create a handmade decoration to adorn your office or home, serving as a symbol of your ongoing journey towards becoming the best version of yourself.

**Workshop: Developing Authentic Assessments**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: AI is changing the way we assess student learning. To meet this challenge, we will learn how to develop and provide students with authentic assessments.

**Workshop: English Co-Requisite Training**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Minerva Laveaga, mlaveaga@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4262
**Presenter(s)**: Minerva laveaga and Donna Muñoz
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: This workshop will offer updates about the INRW 0311/English 1301 and INRW 0313/English 1301 corequisites for English. Presenters will discuss best practices, structure, and expectations for anyone teaching corequisites within the English discipline. The workshop will also cover new information about the future of corequisites.

**Workshop: EPCC Campus Cat Program**
**All Employees –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Margie Nelson Rodriguez, mnelson9@epcc.edu, (915) 491-0208
**Presenter(s)**: Margie Nelson Rodriguez, R Danielle McGill, Fan Chen, Rosalia Ortega, and Paul Hotchkin
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: For over eight years, a group of dedicated volunteers have cared for EPCC campus cats as part of the EPCC Campus Cat Program (CCP). We feed 100+ cats daily, trap (TNR) cats to get them fixed and vaccinated, foster kittens when possible, and provide emergency medical treatment as possible. The CCP also partners with local organizations, such as the Humane Society of El Paso, for TNR. Come learn about how you help these precious kitties live safe and healthy lives at EPCC!

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**Workshop: [Faculty Evaluations: The Process, Results, and More!](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Raul Belmontes, [rbelmon4@epcc.edu](mailto:rbelmon4@epcc.edu), (915) 831-6748
**Presenter(s)**: Raul Belmontes and Denise Schirmer
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Institutional Research is committed to providing faculty the information needed to successfully conduct Faculty Evaluations. We will cover the process, results, and best practices when conducting evaluations in the classroom.

**Workshop: [Straight from the Horse's Mouth: What is the EPCC Teachership Academy?](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗️
**For more information, please contact**: Pat Duran, [pduran20@epcc.edu](mailto:pduran20@epcc.edu), (915) 831 7092
**Presenter(s)**: Pat Duran, Robert Moreno, Carrie Van Houdt, and Richard Barakat
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Have you ever wondered how incorporating a flipped classroom might improve student performance? Have you been curious about trying something new in the classroom, but didn't know how to get started? Do you want to get back into conducting research, but are little bit nervous about the process? Did you know that EPCC has its own, peer-reveiwed academic Journal of Action Research (TAJAR)? Take the first step by joining us virtually to learn more about the EPCC Teachership Academy.

**Workshop: [Unlocking the Compound Effect: Small Steps to Health and Wellness](#)**
**All Employees –** 🧘
**For more information, please contact**: Chris McMillen, [Cmcmille@epcc.edu](mailto:Cmcmille@epcc.edu), (915) 204-5841
**Presenter(s)**: Chris McMillen
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: This Healthy Lifestyle Workshop is designed for anyone looking to get back into shape or live a healthier lifestyle. Learn about the power of small changes that can have a large and lasting impact on your health.

**Workshop: [Using the QEP and the Tejano Passport Program to Help Your Students Engage with the Community and Develop Their Career Goals](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Ondrea Wolf, [oquiros@epcc.edu](mailto:oquiros@epcc.edu), (915) 831-6615
**Presenter(s)**: Ondrea Wolf
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop will cover some of the faculty interventions of EPCC's QEP, "Find Your Way: Connect, Discover, Succeed!" as well as the basics of the Tejano Passport Program. The goal is for instructors to use these QEP interventions and the Tejano Passport Program to help students increase their community experiences and career knowledge to empower students in their own career development.

**Workshop: Creating a Crocheting Community**
**All Employees –** 🤝
**For more information, please contact**: Sarah Martinez, [smart317@epcc.edu](mailto:smart317@epcc.edu), (915) 831-7218
**Presenter(s)**: Sarah Martinez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Mission Del Paso  **Room**: B115
**Description**: EPCC Crochets has been crocheting for a cause since 2021. What started as a student online service learning project during lockdown has grown into several projects that provide handmade pieces to area charitable groups like El Paso State Center and the Reynolds home. Find out how you can get involved and get an introduction to crochet if you are a beginner. All experience levels welcome.

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**Workshop: [Empowering Faculty and Students With Early Alert 2.0](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Lujan, [slujan9@epcc.edu](mailto:slujan9@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2279
**Presenter(s)**: Sandra Lujan and Nelson Rodriguez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/120
**Description**: Learn about EPCC's Early Alert System and its potential for creating classes. Explore how to access the system from Blackboard and discover new features and tools to engage and support students.

**Workshop: The Multimedia Studio (Lightboard, Podcast, and Video Recording)**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Fernando Kalel Mares, [fmares8@epcc.edu](mailto:fmares8@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2013
**Presenter(s)**: Fernando Mares
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: C202
**Description**: Our Technology Resource Center (TRC) has recently unveiled a Multimedia Studio. We extend a warm invitation to all staff, faculty, and students to explore this exciting new place. Whether you're working on projects or assignments, we encourage you to make full use of our state-of-the-art facilities. In addition to our Multimedia Studio, we offer dedicated assistance to faculty and staff regarding Microsoft and Adobe products. Our lobby serves as a resource hub, ensuring support is readily available. Furthermore, we regularly host classes and training sessions at our TRC lab, providing opportunities for skill development and knowledge enhancement.

**Workshop: [MindTap Plus–Exploring Possibilities](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Cynthia Gamez, [cgamez2@epcc.edu](mailto:cgamez2@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2478
**Presenter(s)**: Cynthia Gamez and Lisa Goodrich
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Please join this session to learn how to incorporate and customize MindTap for your Economics courses.   This hands-on session is designed to share best practices and learn new tips/tricks with MindTap for Economics.  Please join us to learn about interactive features to help increase student engagement and improve outcomes.  (This session is specific to those teaching ECON 2301 and ECON 2302.)

**Workshop: [Pearson & Blackboard](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Blanca Lopez, [blanca.lopez@pearson.com](mailto:blanca.lopez@pearson.com), (915) 238-6465
**Presenter(s)**: Blanca Lopez
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Campus**: Mission Del Paso  **Room**: E113
**Description**: If you're using Pearson's MyLab/Mastering in your course and want to learn how to link your course to Blackboard, this workshop is for you! During our time together we will cover how to create a course on Pearson, link the course to Blackboard, and sync grades.

**Workshop: [Best Practices: Using 3rd-Party Content with Blackboard Learn](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, [lcaden10@epcc.edu](mailto:lcaden10@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Andrew Lawrence
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Learn how to pair publisher content to Blackboard to make it simple for your students to access.  We will also discuss how to use publisher-tied content such as tests and quizzes when using the Respondus Lockdown Browser.

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**Workshop: [Dual Credit Connections: Facilitating Student Success in Online Courses](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Lorena Gonzalez, [lgonz204@epcc.edu](mailto:lgonz204@epcc.edu), (915) **831-3248**
**Presenter(s)**: Lorena Gonzalez, Sue Selk, and Luz Cadena
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Are you a first-time facilitator for high school students taking college courses online? Log into this workshop to learn more about the vital role of the high school online facilitator. This workshop will also provide continuing online facilitators with important information and updates to help high school students succeed in their EPCC online courses. New online facilitators are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Workshop: Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Injury Report for 2023 and Fit Testing on the Quantifit Fit Testing Machine**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Sutainability**
**For more information, please contact**: Julius Gutierrez, [jgutier8@epcc.edu](mailto:jgutier8@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2289
**Presenter(s)**: Julius Gutierrez, Carlos Franco, and Javier Herrera
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 5:00 - 5:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: ATC/314
**Description**: This workshop will address the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) 2023 Injury Report to help reduce injuries and exposures in the fire service, including during training. It will also cover fit testing using the Quantifit testing machine.

**Workshop: Engaging Students in CTE Welding Metallurgy Concepts**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Olga l. Valerio, [ovalerio@epcc.edu](mailto:ovalerio@epcc.edu), (915) 831-2350
**Presenter(s)**: Arnulfo Levario and Cecil Powell
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: ATC Room 105
**Description**: This workshop will help instructors by providing new strategies in their classroom to help students be engaged and understand why Metallurgy Matters and the science of welding metallurgy.  The workshop will provide a basic understanding of Welding Metallurgy, focusing on the interactions occurring during the welding processes that directly influence material properties. When a material is welded using a typical arc welding process such as GTAW (Gas Tungsten Arc Welding), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), arc, or oxyacetylene welding setup. phase transformation and microstructure evolution result in changes to the alloy's attributes from the rapid heating and cooling. The reaction time is comparatively short, as compared to reaction times during forging, casting, or heat treatment. By understanding these physical, chemical, and mechanical characteristics, welders can discover opportunities for improvement. The basic metallurgical parameters that affect weldability will be discussed as Microstructure, crystal structure, phase transformation, heat effect zone, Mechanical properties, Base Metal, weld Metal, etc.

**Workshop: [The History, Reading, and Pedagogy Group Presents: Centering Literacy Instruction in the College Classroom](#)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Joshua Hevert, [jhevert@epcc.edu](mailto:jhevert@epcc.edu), (808) 265-0958
**Presenter(s)**: Joshua Hevert, Melissa Esmacher, Kiki Keane, Michelle Murphy, and Vanessa Camacho
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024     **Time**: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The History Reading and Pedagogy Group invites you to join our discussion on how we can better incorporate literacy into our classroom and online instruction. We take a broad definition of literacy - written, oral, information, etc. - and wish to explore strategies and ideas together. Please join us for a lively discussion, even if you're unable to complete the reading!  You can find a folder of pre-reading for discussion here: [https://liveepcc.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/HistoryReadingGroupandSeminar/EoNvbXfJoVFBspMGUh5DcSkBqubn7jOxiemYTGJGqP5_fw?e=2X9i0D](https://liveepcc.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/HistoryReadingGroupandSeminar/EoNvbXfJoVFBspMGUh5DcSkBqubn7jOxiemYTGJGqP5_fw?e=2X9i0D).

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**Workshop: Exploring ChatGPT in the Writing Classroom: Anecdotes on Equity and Ethical Considerations**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** ♀
**For more information, please contact**: Jayne Chapman, jpynes2@epcc.edu, (915) 433-7145
**Presenter(s)**: Jayne Chapman and Terri Mann
**Date**: Wednesday, August 21, 2024      **Time**: 7:00 - 7:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Transmountain Campus  **Room**: 2003
**Description**: Students and faculty are exploring various AI applications. This workshop will focus on the use of ChatGPT in English 1301 and 1302 classrooms during the 2023-2024 academic year, emphasizing ethics and fairness. Faculty and administrative perspectives will discuss benefits, pitfalls, and future challenges.


## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

**Workshop: CSD Mini Conference: ADA Law and the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) Services Overview**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** ♀
**For more information, please contact**: John Estrada, Jestra90@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2736
**Presenter(s)**: John Estrada and Martha Brown
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) will be hosting a mini conference providing essential information about various CSD services & accommodations. This introductory workshop will cover ADA law in the educational setting, the services & accommodations that CSD offers to students with disabilities, and will also provide a brief overview of the other workshops in this mini conference series. Learn more about how CSD helps students with disabilities achieve their college dreams.


**Workshop: Drafting Your Successful Exit Strategy: Harnessing Estate Planning and Medicaid Laws for Your Benefit**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Stephanie Townsend Allala, stephanie@elpasoelderlaw.com, (915) 348-5053
**Presenter(s)**: Leilani Torrado
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: We will explore the fundamentals of estate planning such as wills, powers of attorney, and living wills. We will also learn how middle-class Americans can access Medicaid benefits for end-of-life nursing care. If you do not plan for your future, you risk facing devastation and tragedy as you age. A lack of awareness of these important issues can cost you much more than money—it's about maintaining control over your life and accessing the benefits you deserve.


**Workshop: Blackboard Learn AI Design Assistant**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The AI Design Assistant, created following Anthology's Trustworthy AI framework, makes Blackboard Learn the first major LMS to leverage generative AI capabilities to benefit instructors and instructional designers. With instructors in control, the AI Design Assistant uses artificial intelligence to streamline the course-building process, giving you, the subject matter expert, a head start on creating engaging, effective Learn Ultra courses. Join us to learn how the AI Design Assistant can help you design rubrics, authentic assessments, test questions, and more!

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**Workshop: PREP Lab Open House**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🎓**
**For more information, please contact**: Laura Gonzalez, lgonza41@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2568
**Presenter(s)**: Laura Gonzalez and Sandra Martinez
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A1415
**Description**: We invite all faculty and staff to our PREP Lab Open House. Explore our lab, equipped with 30 new computers and two printers, and consider reserving it for your future classes. PREP Advisors will be available to discuss how they can assist students with the TSIA2 and TEAS exams.

**Workshop: EPCC Faculty Association Meeting**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Albert Burnham, aburnham@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2274
**Presenter(s)**: Albert Burnham
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Administrative Service Center  **Room**: Boardroom
**Description**: This workshop is the Fall semester meeting of the EPCC Faculty Association. It includes discussion of various issues affecting the faculty. EPCC President William Serrata and Vice President Steve Smith will be invited to discuss college matters and answer questions faculty members may have.

**Workshop: Program Review for District-Wide Coordinators and Deans**
**Coordinators – 🎓**
**For more information, please contact**: Yvette Huerta, yhuerta@epcc.edu, (915) 831-6740
**Presenter(s)**: Yvette Huerta and Raul Belmontes
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 11:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Every year the Institutional Research and Institutional Effectiveness Offices contact you for program review data. We ask for revenue sufficiency, faculty evaluations, employer and graduate satisfaction and MORE. Come learn why we need this data and what we do with it.

**Workshop: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence Awareness**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🧘**
**For more information, please contact**: Aimee Olivas, aoliv225@epcc.edu, (915) 831-5023
**Presenter(s)**: Aimee Olivas
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Transmountain Campus  **Room**: 2010
**Description**: This workshop is designed to help faculty and staff identify the signs of domestic and dating violence among students and within the broader community. Additionally, this presentation will provide strategies for leaving an abusive relationship and offer guidance on how to support those considering ways to leave their abuser.

**Workshop: Testing with the Center for Students with Disabilities: Similar Yet Distinct Approaches**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🎗**
**For more information, please contact**: Mariana Parra, eparra16@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4198
**Presenter(s)**: Mariana Parra and Alma Herrera
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024      **Time**: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop aims to educate both new and experienced professors about The Center for Students with Disabilities' testing methods and various forms of student accommodation. It will cover testing procedures specific to each campus and the support available for student success. The goal is to foster collaboration between instructors and CSD to provide tailored resources for students while ensuring trust in CSD's exam proctoring services.

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**Workshop: Review and Application of the Current Periodontal Classification System in the Dental Hygiene Clinic**
**All Employees –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Kathryn Villapana, kvillapa@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4257
**Presenter(s)**: Kathryn Villapana and Diana Sotelo
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H118
**Description**: This workshop applies the current EFP/AAP Periodontal Classification in the dental hygiene clinical setting.


**Workshop: Assistive Technology is Awesome!**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Erick Garcia, egarc481@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2439
**Presenter(s)**: Erick Garcia and Chris Garcia
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Learn how assistive technology helps students be successful in College through the Center for Students with Disabilities.


**Workshop: Instructor Teaching for Student Success**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Ashley Becker, abecker2@epcc.edu, (915) 422-1087
**Presenter(s)**: Ashley Becker
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop focuses on understanding various challenges students face in the college setting and adapting teaching strategies accordingly.


**Workshop: Redefining Education**
**All Employees –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Olapeju Rebecca Dairo, odairo@epcc.edu, (678) 849-2255
**Presenter(s)**: Olapeju Rebecca Dairo
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Education extends far beyond the four walls of the classroom or virtual engagements. Today, there is a decline in enrollment at colleges and tertiary institutions as parents, guardians, and students increasingly turn to alternative ways to make money. In this workshop, you will learn strategies to promote student retention in higher education.


**Workshop: SAM and Mindtap Software Training for Business Courses**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Lisbeth Ragona, lreyes26@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2258
**Presenter(s)**: Lisbeth Ragona, Lisa Goodrich, and Elsa Chacon
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A2326
**Description**: This workshop reviews SAM and Mindtap Refresher Software Training for Business Discipline classes. Cengage SAM, an engaging and interactive online learning environment, transforms students into Microsoft Office and computer concept masters. Mindtap is the online platform that gives instructors complete course control. Learn to craft personalized, engaging experiences that help students boost performance and deliver access to eTextbooks, study tools, and more.

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**Workshop: Adversarial Thinking Infusion in ITS/COSC Computing Courses**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Christian Servin, cservin1@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2064
**Presenter(s)**: Christian Servin and Nadia Karichev
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/311
**Description**: Adversarial thinking is a mindset that aids in understanding the technological capabilities of potential attackers and enables the anticipation of where, when, and how they might attack. These concepts are applicable across various disciplines, particularly in computing. In this workshop, faculty will present initiatives and strategies to integrate adversarial thinking into ITSC/COSC courses.

**Workshop: CoArc Guidelines for Acquiring an Associate's Degree in Respiratory Technology**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Maria Bailey, mbrawner@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4216
**Presenter(s)**: Maria Bailey
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: B301
**Description**: This workshop caters to Respiratory Technology Instructors. The main focus is to understand how CoArc determines what we should teach our respiratory students.

**Workshop: CONNECT/McGraw Hill Software Training for Business Courses**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🎓**
**For more information, please contact**: Lisbeth Ragona, lreyes26@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2258
**Presenter(s)**: Lisbeth Ragona, Salem Debora, Elsa Chacon, and Grace Duran
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: A2326
**Description**: This workshop offers CONNECT/McGraw Hill Refresher Software Training for Business Discipline classes. McGraw-Hill's "Connect" is a web-based assignment and assessment platform that helps instructors connect students to their coursework and to succeed beyond the course. Open and available for part-time and full-time instructors. McGraw-Hill Representative Deborah Salem will be presenting training and software applications.

**Workshop: CSD Mini-Conference: Who Are These People in My Classroom?**
**All Faculty and Academic Support – 🎗**
**For more information, please contact**: John Webber, jwebber@epcc.edu, (915) 831-3217
**Presenter(s)**: John Webber, Carmen Mendoza, and Bill Robnett
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: Who are all these people in my classroom? There are interpreters, an intern, a note-taker, and a scribe interrupting my lecture! Find out about the services that the Center for Students with Disabilities has to offer in this fun and interactive presentation.

**Workshop: Health and Wellness FYE Seminars**
**All Employees – 🧘**
**For more information, please contact**: Sandra Lujan, slujan9@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2279
**Presenter(s)**: Rachel Rabb
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The First Year Experience/Early Alert Program has developed an eight-week series of 1-hour Health and Wellness workshops aimed at helping first-time-in-college students develop self-care habits and improve academic performance. This series, titled The Health and Smarts Seminar, aims to encourage student participation and benefit from this program of health and learning. Join us in this workshop to explore the content of the seminar and learn how faculty and the FYE program can collaborate to ensure its success.

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**Workshop: Knowing How to Assist During a Heart Attack: Essential Skills and Response Strategies**
**All Employees –** 👤
**For more information, please contact**: Ana Guerrero, aguerre3@epcc.edu, (915) 238-5867
**Presenter(s)**: Ana Guerrero
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: B300
**Description**: This CPR and AED Overview Workshop is for all backgrounds and skill levels, offering a simple overview of CPR and AED usage. Learn critical steps for aiding someone during a heart attack while awaiting EMS. Note: this workshop does not provide certification but offers invaluable emergency knowledge.

**Workshop: Maximize your Cengage Course Tools for IT/Computing Courses (Computing Discipline)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Lisa Goodrich, lisa.goodrich@cengage.com, (915) 539-5984
**Presenter(s)**: Lisa Goodrich
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Hybrid **(Click on link above to join Online session or F2F)**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/345
**Description**: Please join this session to learn about setting up your SAM course for ITSC 1301.  This will be a hands-on session to share best practices in using Cengage software for Computing courses and linking to Blackboard.

**Workshop: Blackboard Learn AI Design Assistant**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Luz E. Cadena, lcaden10@epcc.edu, (915) 831-2827
**Presenter(s)**: Luz E. Cadena
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: The AI Design Assistant, built on Anthology's Trustworthy AI framework, makes Blackboard Learn the first major LMS to leverage generative AI capabilities to benefit instructors and instructional designers. With instructors in control, the AI Design Assistant uses artificial intelligence to streamline the course-building process, giving you, the subject matter expert, a head start on creating engaging, effective Learn Ultra courses. Join us to learn how the AI Design Assistant can help you design rubrics, authentic assessments, test questions, and more!

**Workshop: Dental Hygiene Faculty Calibration and Implementation of Clinical Methodology**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Kathryn Villapana, kvillapa@epcc.edu, (915) 831-4257
**Presenter(s)**: Kathryn Villapana and Diana Sotelo
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: H112
**Description**: This Practical Curriculum Implementation Workshop discusses methods for practical curriculum implementation, clinical methodology, and faculty calibration to enhance teaching performance in clinical settings.

**Workshop: CSD Mini Conference: Everything You Wanted to Know About Accommodations (But Were Afraid to Ask)**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Angelique Junell, apatino2@epcc.edu, (915) 831-5120
**Presenter(s)**: Angelique Junell, Gerard Perez, and Alma Valadez
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F**: Online **(Click on link above to join Online session)**
**Description**: This workshop covers everything you wanted to know about accommodations but were afraid to ask. This will be an honest conversation about CSD, Accessibility Services, and what it truly means to be fair in the classroom. We will answer the reoccurring questions of: What are these forms and emails? Why am I getting them

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and what do they mean? What are my responsibilities with testing or accommodations? What do I do when I don't know what to do?

**Workshop: Effective Strategies for Kinesiology Faculty: Optimizing Classroom Success**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎓
**For more information, please contact**: Paulina De Santiago, pdesan11@epc.edu, (915) 328-3262
**Presenter(s)**: Paulina De Santiago and Miguel Bonilla
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: B100
**Description**: In this workshop, we will provide valuable guidance to faculty members in the Kinesiology Department on effective class organization. Our session will cover a range of topics, including the requirements for syllabus parts I and II, the process for downloading the grade book from Blackboard, and various teaching strategies tailored to Kinesiology classes that can enhance faculty success.

**Workshop: Exclusive Overview: CoArc Guidelines for Respiratory Instructors with Updated Covid-19 Protocols**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support –** 🎗
**For more information, please contact**: Maria Bailey, mbrawner@eppc.edu, (915) 831-4216
**Presenter(s)**: Maria Bailey
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Rio Grande Campus  **Room**: B301
**Description**: This Respiratory Clinical Faculty Workshop provides an overview of the new guidelines from CoArc and updates from NBRC. Clinical instructors will review these updated guidelines and have the opportunity to educate other clinical instructors about new Covid-19 guidelines at clinical affiliate sites.

**Workshop: EPCC's Accreditation was Reaffirmed. Why do I Need to Think About Accreditation?**
**All Employees –** 👥
**For more information, please contact**: Mary Beth Haan, mhaan@epcc.edu, (915) 831-6723
**Presenter(s)**: Mary Beth Haan
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/128
**Description**: EPCC's accreditation was reaffirmed, but we still need to think about accreditation. Accreditation requires ongoing and regular completion of activities and reports. This workshop will discuss standards, including substantive change, that require evidence of compliance.

**Workshop: Gotta Sign it?  Creating and Using an Electronic Signature**
**All Employees – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Kelli Wood, kwood@epcc.edu, (915) 831-5065
**Presenter(s)**: Kelli Wood
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Transmountain Campus  **Room**: 2001
**Description**: Are you struggling to add your signature to various documents? You're not alone, and I can help. Bring your laptop or device, and we'll create an electronic signature in an image format, then explore how to apply it to PDFs, images, and other documents. Even if you don't bring a laptop, you're welcome to attend, take notes, assist, and learn a lot!

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**Workshop: CAMPUS TOUR OF MdP: Mission Campus Guided Tour**
**New Faculty –**
**For more information, please contact**: Norma Ballenger, nkoube@epcc.edu, (915) 831-7052
**Presenter(s)**: Norma Ballenger, Priscilla Basurto, and MdP Librarians
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Mission Del Paso  **Room**: Library/C102
**Description**: Are you new to MDP and have questions about where to get copies, pick up your mail, or where to send your students for tutoring? Join us for a guided tour of the MDP campus during this MDP Campus Tour, starting at the Library. You will get answers to all your questions! Don't forget to bring your walking shoes.

**Workshop: Biology Faculty Mentoring Program**
**All Faculty and Academic Support –**
**For more information, please contact**: Glenda Hill, ghill4@epcc.edu, (915) 851-2533
**Presenter(s)**: Glenda Hill, Paul Hotchkin, Rosalia Ortega, Elizabeth Preza, and Claire Wells
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 7:00 - 7:50 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Valle Verde Campus  **Room**: AST/122
**Description**: Learn about the five best educational practices to ensure high-quality STEM education to engage our students and prepare them for the future. Incorporate interdisciplinary approaches; use authentic, inquiry-based, and hands-on learning; include activities and resources that are culturally relevant, socially meaningful, and collaborative; incorporate activities and resources that engage students intellectually, socially, and emotionally; and provide effective skill-building professional development strategies.

**Workshop: Fall 2024 Northwest Campus Science Department Meeting**
**All Faculty and Academic Support and Academic Support – Other**
**For more information, please contact**: Jose Pacheco, jpache78@epcc.edu, (915) 831-8836
**Presenter(s)**: Jose Pacheco, Ivan Iniguez, Jeff Sivils, and Diego Reyes
**Date**: Thursday, August 22, 2024          **Time**: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
**Online or F2F: Face-to-face**
**Campus**: Northwest Campus  **Room**: C223
**Description**: The purpose of this workshop is to discuss and expose best practices to all Northwest Campus Science faculty navigating Blackboard, late registration, instructor absences, and professional development opportunities.  Participants will also discuss and plan upcoming OCEANS events for the Fall 2024 semester.

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**August 20, 2024**—New Faculty Orientation and Expo

**September 19, 2024**—Professional & Organizational Development for Staff

**September-October 2024**—Call for Workshop Proposals

**January 13-17, 2025**—Spring Faculty Development Week

**Faculty Development**

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WEEK MORNING PASTRIES!**

Stop by the Faculty Development Office on the week of August 19th – 22nd and get some coffee and pastries to start your day!

Valle Verde Campus, Room C 429

8:30 am - until pastries run-out

**Be ready for Fall 2024!**