Exploring and Expanding Your Comfort Zone

It's likely that many of us at some point during the past year have been pushed beyond our comfort zone. Your individual experiences of being outside your comfort zone may have been stimulating or they may have been stressful, or perhaps both. As we reflect on the past year, we invite you to join us for the 26th Annual UWSP Teaching Conference, "**Teaching, Learning, and Working Beyond Your Comfort Zone**" on Friday, January 21, 2022.

The conference keynote will be presented by students in the UWSP Interactive Theatre Group. There will be in-person and virtual options for attending the keynote session and lunch will be provided for those who select the in-person option. Afternoon breakout sessions will be held via Zoom.

Session presentations will be shared by UWSP faculty and staff in the areas of Innovative Solutions, Timeless Best Practices, and Tending to Burnout. We hope that you will find the teaching conference engaging as well as convenient.
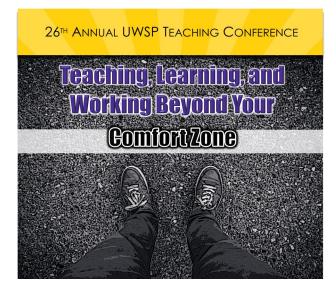
REGISTER TO ATTEND

Proposals to present at the UWSP Teaching Conference will be accepted through **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

Submit Your Proposal

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Information for Finals Week Exam Processing

Finals week is a busy time in the CITL office as we average 5,800 sheets scanned for exam scoring. Instructions and information are on our **website** at **Services | Test Scoring** and we offer the following checklist to ensure an efficient test scoring process. Each exam scoring packet should include:

√ A completed Exam Scoring Request form

√ An intercampus envelope with your return information: Instructor name, department, and building

√ Your completed answer key with no stray marks

√ Student answer sheets completed with **student names and IDs completed and bubbled**

Reminders:

With the large volume of packets to process during finals week, results may take up to 72 hours to appear in your OneDrive folder. All packets will be returned via campus mail.

Student answer sheets without a printed name and printed and bubbled ID number will need to be hand graded by instructors once your packet is returned via campus mail.

Please email us at **citl@uwsp.edu** with any questions.

It's Time to Share Some Pointer Praise

As we approach the end of the semester, consider those on campus who deserve **Pointer Praise**—folks who have gone above and beyond and deserve a pat on the back message of appreciation.

Take a moment to share an anonymous uplifting message to any UWSP faculty or staff member through **Pointer Praise**.

Apply for Online Development Grants Through CITL

Visit the **Grants page** on our website to learn more or contact Online Program Manager Eric Simkins at **esimkins@uwsp.edu** or 715-346-2914.

Online Course Development

The application deadline for Online Course Development Grants for Summer 2022 is **December 15, 2021**. **APPLY NOW**

New Online Course Development Grants are available for online courses that have not been offered during the past four terms. Online Course Revision Grants are available for existing online courses.

Online Program Development

Grants are available for Online Credit Programs, Hybrid Credit Programs, and Online Non-Credit Programs. These programs provide departments with instructional design support for all courses in the program, provide professional development for instructors developing courses, provide grants to instructors who develop the courses.

Safe Zone Training Offered

The UWSP Faculty and Staff Gender-Sexuality Alliance (FSGSA), in partnership with CITL, provides Safe Zone training for faculty and staff members of UW-Stevens Point campuses.

Faculty/Staff Safe Zone Training:

Wednesday, December 15 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
310 Albertson Hall

Learn more and register to attend.

Free, Virtual Events in December and January

You are invited to register and attend virtual sessions in the "**Educator and Caregiver Compassion Fatigue and Burnout Learning Series** " provided by Marshfield Clinic Health Systems Psychiatry & Behavioral Health Department in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Administration Beyond the Classroom Grant Program.

Events are held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon via WebEx.

Register to attend.

December 3 – The Mental Health Impact of the Pandemic: Risk Factors, Stress Monitoring, and the Imperative for Intentional Self-Care

December 17 – Compassion Fatigue and Children & Youth Support Strategies

January 7 – Stress and Anxiety Management: Strategies that Work

January 21 – Personal Resilience and Well-Being: Fostering Growth Through the Pandemic

Marshfield Clinic Health System   WISCONSIN AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

December Critical Thinking Event

UWSP's new Critical Thinking requirement launches this year!

Learn how to employ critical thinking skills by attending the faculty presentations—open to everyone. No pre-registration is required.

December 9 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
NFAC 221

Does Making Cents Make Sense?

Arguments For and Against Music Streaming Platforms

Presenter:

Mathew Buchman

Professor & Director of Jazz Studies
Department of Music

canvas corner

When are courses ready in Canvas?

This is a frequent question we receive in CITL.

Courses get added 40 days prior to the start date of the course.

If you need to start working on your courses for future semesters, you can create sandbox courses.

Requesting a new Sandbox Course
(Links to UWSA KB Article)

This document describes the process for requesting a new Sandbox course. Please name courses using "Sandbox - Course Name (Introduction to Biology) - Instructor Last Name." Please enter course code as "Sandbox - Course Curriculum Code (BIOL 101)"

Contact the CITL team at **citl@uwsp.edu** with any questions or for assistance.

Watch Teaching Tip Videos on Our YouTube Channel

This semester, CITL has been providing a brief teaching tip every Tuesday on a variety of topics. These short, informational videos on teaching have garnered a lot of views.

Did you know that all of the Teaching Tip Tuesday videos are saved under the Teaching Tip playlist on the **CITL YouTube channel**? Visit our **website** and scroll to the bottom of the page to click the YouTube icon.