

# Faculty Resource Bulletin

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The Faculty Resource Bulletin is one of many steps we're taking to improve communication about local and statewide faculty professional development information and opportunities. Please visit <https://www.dctc.edu/online-dctc/faculty-resources/> for more information as well as past Bulletins.

## Highlights of this week's Bulletin include:

- Semester Start Resources and Tools
- Zoom Web Conferencing
- IHCC/DCTC D2L Summer Training Camp
- Campus Compact Communities of Practice
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summit
- Open Educational Resources

## Semester Start Resources and Tools

### Setting Course Start and End Dates

Did you know you can set the start and end dates in D2L Brightspace course shells? You can – and it's easy! Just follow instructions on the Faculty Resources site: <https://www.dctc.edu/DCTC/assets/File/pdf/faculty-resources/Changing-Start-and-End-Dates.pdf>.

### Course Navigation: Adding and Removing Tools

As you prepare for fall semester, you might consider adjusting the navigation in your online courses by adding or removing tools from the course “navbar”. See the illustrated guide on the Faculty Resources site: <https://www.dctc.edu/DCTC/assets/File/pdf/faculty-resources/turning-on-off-tools.pdf>.

### Getting Started with D2L Brightspace

We developed a [Getting Started with D2L Brightspace](#) document for students new to online learning. As you prepare for fall semester, please feel free to distribute this to your students via email or post in your online courses. Student Services staff will also be distributing this guide.

### Turnitin Guides for Faculty and Students

We recently added links to Turnitin resources and guides in the [Academic Technology](#) section of Faculty Resources. These materials are both for faculty and student audiences, and address how to get started with this tool as well as how best to integrate it with D2L Brightspace.

### Combining Sections

As a reminder: if you would like multiple sections of a course combined into a single section, please [create a JIRA ticket](#) as soon as possible to allow for this work to be completed prior to the start of the semester.

## Zoom Web Conferencing

Minnesota State began transitioning its web conferencing vendor from Adobe Connect to Zoom earlier this month. While Adobe Connect will remain available until May 15, 2020, I invite you all to start using Zoom now or in the near future. You (and all Minnesota State faculty, staff, and students) can access the Zoom web conferencing tool by navigating to <https://minnstate.zoom.us> and choosing **Sign In** using your StarID.

Zoom provides the same features you'll find with other major video and web conferencing services and more, such as:

- Meeting Rooms** with a 300 person meeting room capacity
- Microphone and Telephone Audio**
- Video**
- Meeting Recordings**
- Screen Sharing and Whiteboards**
- Breakout Rooms**
- Room Systems / ITV Integration**
- Mobile Device Support**
- Calendar Integration**

For further details on this tool, see [Academic Technology](#) under Faculty Resources. You can arrange a one-on-one Zoom tutorial from this page, as well as contact Zoom support staff. We will begin campus trainings on this tool in August. Watch your email for further details!

## IHCC/DCTC D2L Summer Training Camp

Inver Hills Community College  
August 7

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for faculty who are either new to teaching online or would like to learn some of D2L's more advanced tools. On August 7, we will be leading a full-day D2L Training Camp for IHCC and DCTC faculty on the IHCC

campus. Faculty stipends for this training have been made available from the Title III: Adult Learner Success grant. For more information, see this event on the [Faculty Resources site](#).

**Space for this training is limited.** Please contact [Monica Ibara](#) to see if space is available. Contact [Martin Springborg](#), Director of Teaching and Learning, with any other questions you have about this event.

## Campus Compact Communities of Practice

Online

Dates arranged

**September 13 registration deadline**

If you are planning to incorporate community-based learning into your courses, consider this opportunity to engage with colleagues. Members of Campus Compact communities of practice share a domain of interest, engage in joint activities, and have an ongoing, sustained interaction over time contributing to their shared practice. Communities of practice can serve varied functions, including solving problems, sharing information, providing experience, utilizing shared assets, coordinating and strategizing, building a case for action, documenting projects, mapping knowledge, gaining confidence, and more. (Etienne and Beverly Wenger-Trayner, 2015)

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Campus Compacts (CC), in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Office for Public Engagement (OPE) are offering a set of Communities of Practice (CoPs) in 2019–20 to enhance individuals' capacity to do community engagement work in higher education; identify resources, research findings, program models, insights, etc., benefit a broader network; and build the field's knowledge about CoPs as a model for professional development.

More information: <https://mncampuscompact.org/what-we-do/initiatives/communities-of-practice/#1498748218548-08637572-b2f4>

Apply (**9/13 deadline**):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNxUBcylr20RN4uDc\\_TxgCDT1YU2E4H1vm78pik6Ez9sdZIQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNxUBcylr20RN4uDc_TxgCDT1YU2E4H1vm78pik6Ez9sdZIQ/viewform)

## Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summit

CTE Works! Summit is the premier conference connecting the career and technical education community in the Upper Midwest. Summit participants and presenters alike come from high school, colleges and universities, workforce, local business and industry partners, and our local communities to share best practices for helping every student meet community and workforce needs. This fall is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual state conference.

The 2019 Summit is sponsored by Minnesota State, the Minnesota Department of Education, the *Minnesota* Association for Career and Technical Administrators (MACTA), and the Minnesota Association for Career and Technical Education (*MnACTE*). The Summit schedule includes 44 concurrent sessions, six in-depth post-conference workshops, networking opportunities, and a Wednesday keynote brunch.

The CTE Works! Summit is Tuesday and Wednesday November 5-6, 2019 at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Educators and workforce professionals can register for the conference here:

<https://www.cteworksminnesota.org/registration>.

## Open Educational Resources

OER Learning Circles - Applications for Fall 2019 are available now, and are due September 9. [Click here to find the applications](#). Note: login using your [StarID@minnstate.edu](mailto:StarID@minnstate.edu) credentials.

Opendora, developed by PALS, is a digital archive for open educational resource materials, allowing Minnesota State faculty and librarians to load, access, and share licensed OER. Explore [Opendora](#) today!

## Event Calendar

| August       |               |   |                |              |
|--------------|---------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| Monday<br>5  | Tuesday<br>6  | Wednesday<br>7  | Thursday<br>8  | Friday<br>9  |
|              |               | D2L Training Camp<br><a href="#">Registration Information</a> |                |              |
| Monday<br>12 | Tuesday<br>13 | Wednesday<br>14   | Thursday<br>15 | Friday<br>16 |
|              |               |   |                |              |

Descriptions for events are presented here as they appear on organizations' websites. Please contact me if you have any questions about these opportunities, or if you have information about an opportunity you'd like to share with your faculty colleagues.

All best,  
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