

# CETL's Upcoming Events

## Translating Difficult Concepts through Online Visuals

Wednesday, February 8, 2006  
11:00 – 11:50 am

*Presenters: Randy Newbrough and Jay W. Hagenow, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*

As more and more universities invest in moving courses online, faculty find themselves struggling with how to transfer difficult concepts once taught in the traditional classroom to the online environment. This session will focus on how faculty can use technology to create learning objects that are based on instructional design principles, are purposeful, interactive, and still teach core concepts.

*This session is part of the "2nd Wednesdays@Noon" series about teaching with technology offered by IHETS (Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System).*

## Brown Bag Discussion: Using Oncourse

Monday, February 13, 2006  
12:30 – 2:00 pm

More and more faculty are using Oncourse to support their teaching. This session is an opportunity for colleagues to come together and share how they are using Oncourse and think about new ways Oncourse can be used to save faculty time and enhance student learning. Dr. Linda Delunas, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Nursing, and

Faculty Mentor for Oncourse, will assist in the facilitation of this session. Bring your lunch and join your colleagues in an informal Brown Bag Discussion on this important topic.

## How to Write a Successful Grant Proposal

Tuesday, February 14, 2006  
8:30 – 10:00 am OR 10:30 am - Noon

### Presenter: Martha Harris, Ph.D.

The purpose of the workshop is to explore with new and other interested faculty how to write more successful grant applications. Participants will be guided through examination of their specific ideas, projects and/or requests for proposals. Tips will be shared that can apply to both federal and philanthropic grantors. Samples of completed applications will be shared.

## Hybrid Courses: Teaching Twice as Much in Half the Time

Tuesday, February 21, 2006  
10:00 – 11:30 am

Hybrid courses - courses for which seat time is reduced in exchange for robust online learning experiences - can be an attractive option for both faculty and students at a commuter campus like IU Northwest. In this session, participants will learn what a hybrid course is and how it differs from a face-to-face course and a fully online course. Various tools within the Oncourse environment will

be shown, and participants will be encouraged to consider how they might use these tools to design effective online activities. Several online learning activities will be showcased.

The session will be facilitated by CETL staff members Emily Hixon, Ph.D., Instructional Design Specialist, and Jodie Reminder, M.S., Instructional Technology Specialist.

## Preparing a Case for Excellence

Friday, March 3, 2006  
8:30 am - 11:20 am

Preparing a Case for Excellence in Teaching is a series of three sessions designed to familiarize you with the tenure and promotion process, and inform you about several teaching awards available to IUN faculty. Panelists will make brief presentations, allowing plenty of time for questions (see website for panelists for each session). You may attend any or all sessions.

8:30 - 9:20 a.m. Session I: Tenure and Promotion  
9:30-10:20 a.m. Session II: President's and Founders' Day Awards  
10:30-11:20 a.m. Session III: FACET and Trustees' Award

*For more information or to register for any of these sessions, please visit the CETL website at <http://www.iun.edu/~cetl/services/workshops.shtml>*



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## Common questions (and answers!) concerning Oncourse

By Jodie Reminder, Instructional Technology Specialist

January brought exciting changes to the Oncourse CL, IU's online collaboration and learning tool. However, changes often lead to more questions. Below are some of the most common questions and the answers:

### Where is this Message Center that everyone is talking about?

The Message Center tool (similar to the internal email in the original Oncourse) was released after course sites for the Spring 2006 were built. This means that the Message Center was not set as a default tool for Spring 2006. To turn on the Message Center, click on the Site Info button for your course. At the top of this page is the Edit Tools link where you can add the Message Center to your course.

### Will this be the last semester for the original Oncourse?

As of right now, new courses will not be created in the original Oncourse for Summer 2006 and beyond. Instructors who are not teaching in the new version should request a project site for Oncourse CL. CETL will continue to provide Oncourse workshops throughout the semester to assist instructors during this transition.

### Will I lose all the previous work that I've done within the original Oncourse?

No. Instructors have the ability to save and import previous courses into Oncourse CL. In addition, courses will continue to be available in the original Oncourse for two academic years. For example, courses taught in Spring 2006 will be available until Spring 2008.

### Where can I turn when I have a problem with Oncourse?

Jodie Reminder, is IU Northwest's Oncourse contact person. Instructors and staff who have questions or experience problems with Oncourse can contact CETL's Instructional Technology Specialist, Jodie Reminder, by phone at 981-5663 or by e-mail at [jreminde@iun.edu](mailto:jreminde@iun.edu).