New Instructional Services Group To Support Faculty

Center for Learning and Technology (CLT) librarians and instructional designers are now working together in a new Instructional and Library Services group. Combining library and instructional design services will provide more convenient and comprehensive support services for center and program faculty using technology.

Empire State College is one of many colleges combining library and instructional technology services. This group will be headed by Suzanne Hayes, formerly the manager of Library services. The group will offer the following services:

- Assistance in enhancing learning contracts with library and learning resources.
- Support for creating learning resources or blended learning activities using the ANGEL LMS.
- Support for developing personal web sites.

For additional information and assistance with using college technology learning resources and tools, go to www.esc.edu/LearningResources. Here you will find information on:

- Individual consultations at regional centers.
- CLT workshops at all regional locations.
- Faculty technology helpdesk services by phone.

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Math and Science Literacy Focus Groups Coming to Centers

Over the past year CLT and the Center for Distance Learning (CDL) have collaborated on a project intended to enhance the math and science literacy of adult learners. This effort has resulted in the creation of 8 new online math and science courses designed specifically for adult learners, with more on the way. It has also resulted in the development and acquisition of new technology to support the teaching of math and science across disciplines and delivery modes.

In particular, our efforts are focused on supporting the use of statistics and data analysis in the social sciences, business, management and policy, and environmental studies. As part of this effort we are developing diagnostics that can be used to assess a student's working knowledge of statistics, data analysis and basic math. If needed, a student can be directed to appropriate tutorials and help based on that assessment.

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You can also view some of the resources we have already made available at S.M.A.R.T. – the Science Math Analysis Reasoning Technology web site at www.esc.edu/smart.

To advance the use of these technologies college-wide, instructional technologists from CLT plan to visit centers to discuss with faculty what we have now and what would be most useful in the future. Additional information on these visits will be available soon.

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Local Workshops: Developing Your Online Study In ANGEL

During the months of May and June, we will be working with many centers and programs to help you get started using ANGEL to develop a web presence for your studies this fall. View the upcoming schedule at the OET Training Calendar at www.esc.edu/trainingcalendar.

In this hands–on 4–hour workshop you will learn and apply practical skills in developing an online study using ANGEL and make a substantial start toward creating your own study. During the workshop you will:

- Learn about the three models of online studies.
- Practice basic skills in navigating in ANGEL and adding, editing, organizing and moving content.
- Learn to customize your course home page, use course announcements, add discussions and drop boxes.
- Spend several hours working in your online study adding and organizing content.

To get the most out of this workshop, you will need basic word processing skills. You will also need to complete a pre–shop questionnaire and assemble your course materials to bring to the workshop. For more information, call Kara Grogan at 518 587–2100 ext: 2289.

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