TEACHING IN CONDENSED FORMATS

PLAN NOW FOR THE 2014 MAYMESTER AND SUMMER SEMESTER

Teaching a quality intersession or summer course in a condensed format can be challenging yet extremely rewarding. Every instructor aims to create conditions where the greatest amount of learning can take place by providing quality experiences for students that are designed for a shorter timeframe. Identifying and using best practices for teaching in compressed formats will help increase the likelihood that these goals will be achieved.

The Center for Faculty Development (CFD) will sponsor a workshop to assist faculty members who are planning to reformat an existing course or offer a new course in Maymester or in the Summer 2014 semester. This workshop will provide best practices for designing or restructuring a course without compromising requirements, rigor or curriculum standards. Participants will work with strategies to create or redesign a traditional semester-long course.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW
“Structuring Learning Activities for Accelerated Instructional Formats”
Friday, February 7, 2014. 8:30 am - 3:00 pm (breakfast and lunch provided)
Location #360 Lawrence Street Center
Workshop topics include:

- Syllabus and course packet design considerations.
- Evidence-based teaching packet strategies to enhance student engagement.
- Technology and other instructional tools to enhance efficiency.
- Strategies for structuring and scheduling writing assignments for condensed course offerings.
- Structuring class time to optimize learning and minimize fatigue.
- Assessment strategies that work well for the accelerated teaching formats.
- Student discussion panel.

Register for the workshop on the CFD website:
http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty_staff/faculty/center-for-faculty-development/Workshops/

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPEND

This workshop is available to all faculty including lecturers, instructors, clinical teaching-track tenure-track and tenured. This also includes those that have taught in condensed formats as well as those new to an intensive delivery. Faculty members who are preparing to teach a Maymester course (Mondays – Thursdays, May 19- June 5, 2014) or a condensed summer course (described as five or fewer weeks) for the first time are eligible for a $500 stipend by attending the “Structuring Learning Activities for Accelerated Instructional Formats” workshop and submitting a syllabus and course packet to the Center for Faculty Development (by May 1st, 2014). Courses must be active on the Maymester/summer schedule, however if a course is not offered due to low enrollment, the stipend will still be provided.

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