



Dear New Faculty,

First of all, WELCOME! We are so pleased that you are joining us here at UTA. We want to alert you to a unique program that we are launching in January 2021 just for new faculty. The Division of Faculty Affairs is happy to offer you a new opportunity this spring, designed to enhance our campus commitment to faculty and student success. We are partnering with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) to offer the Course in Effective Teaching Practices to a limited number of faculty participants (30). The Course is the first course designed for higher education faculty that leads to a nationally-recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). This opportunity to participate will be offered at no cost to you or your department.

The Course consists of 25 modules that you will complete online working with a cohort of other faculty and guided by a facilitator from UTA. ACUE will kick off the program with an in-person orientation the week of January 25th, after which participants will begin work on the first two modules. The Course will begin on (start date) and go through the summer with course takers completing two online modules each week. We will have monthly discussions to go over new things learned, class successes as well as difficulties encountered. The Course includes 25 modules from the following five units of study: Designing an Effective Course and Class, Establishing a Productive Learning Environment, Using Active Learning Techniques, Promoting Higher Order Thinking, and Assessing to Inform Instruction and Promote Learning. You can learn more about the Course and the content of each module here: <http://acue.org/course/>

At the end of this course, those who successfully complete the course will receive the Certificate in Effective College Instruction, a transcript of modules completed, and digital badges for each module/unit to demonstrate their success. Badges that participants earn can be displayed on their LinkedIn profiles, used in online teaching portfolios and displayed on webpages as a sign of their achievement.

We hope that you all will consider participating in this opportunity. The president, the provost, and Faculty Affairs enthusiastically support this initiative and look forward to recognizing participants at the end of the course. Upon successful completion, faculty will have earned the title of UTA ACUE Fellow and be recognized at our award ceremony. In addition, the faculty accepted into the program may enter their participation in the program not only as professional development, but also ACUE can be listed as a grant (\$1,200) since that is what UTA is investing in your development. Applications are due by Oct 15, 2020.

To apply, please submit the following as a single PDF file to Karen Bittner at bittner@uta.edu by October 15th at 5:00 pm:

- Cover Letter (no more than one page)that includes: 1) how your participation in the course would impact you as well as the institution, and 2) a description of your teaching experience that includes the courses you are currently teaching, the enrollment in your courses, and the diversity of majors impacted by your courses and teaching efforts.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Support from your Department Chair or Direct Supervisor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,

-- Antoinette Sol, Ph.D.

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Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

ACUE Fellow, Certified in Effective College Instruction 2019