



Best Practices in Online Teaching

Letter of Interest Deadline – May 1st, 2017

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Office of the Provost invites applications from full-time faculty interested in taking a five-week course about best practices in online teaching. The course will be offered entirely online and will run from July 3rd to August 4th. Gregory Robinson and Gwen Sharp will serve as the course moderators. There are no required in-person meetings, but participants will need to log in to the class regularly, complete online assignments, and participate in discussion boards.

In 2015, a group of NSC faculty from SOE, SON, and LAS designed a course (nicknamed *Top Gun*) to compile existing best practices and help other NSC instructors improve their online teaching. They studied the literature about online teaching, discussed their own experience in online classes, and met regularly in workshops to develop a comprehensive class. The goals of this class are to help faculty:

- Improve their “teaching presence” as an online instructor;
- Learn more about current pedagogical strategies for online teaching;
- Increase active learning in online classes;
- Integrate technology and learning tools into online classes;
- Improve the interpersonal connections of students in online classes;
- Gain an understanding of what it is like to be an online student;
- Learn more about online course assessment measures (such as Quality Matters).

Participation is invited from all full-time tenured, tenure-track, or lecturer faculty on a recurring contract. Faculty will be compensated with a \$1000 stipend for active participation in and completion of the course. Since class size is limited, we may not be able to accept all applicants, but we are hoping for equal representation across campus.

The improvements faculty make in their online classes will help NSC strengthen its commitment to accessible classes, increase student satisfaction with online classes, and ultimately help our students succeed in their academic careers.

To apply, send a short statement of interest to Gregory.Robinson@nsc.edu. In this statement, address what you hope to gain from this class and how potential changes to your online teaching will enhance student success.

Sincerely,

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