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Dear Faculty,

As we increase our reliance on remote learning, we're committed to helping you offer the best possible experience for our students. Nevada State College is prepared to commit substantial resources for your professional development. In addition to the Faculty Learning Communities and targeted workshops led by our CTLE, we are now offering an opportunity to participate in **a two-semester course on effective online teaching**. This course is designed and led by the Association of College & University Educators (ACUE), a non-profit organization that “prepares, credentials, and supports faculty to teach with the practices that improve student achievement and close equity gaps.” ACUE is supported by organizations such as the American Council on Education (ACE) and Quality Matters, and they have successfully partnered with UNR and TMCC for several years (resulting in favorable feedback from faculty).

What are the benefits?

This carefully designed course will help you improve your online teaching, whether you are new to remote instruction or a seasoned online teacher with years of experience. The program is oriented around ACUE's evidence-based [Effective Practice Framework](#), which was independently evaluated and endorsed by a panel of 23 national experts. At the end of the course, participants will be given ACUE's [Certificate in Effective College Instruction](#), endorsed by ACE.

What are the requirements?

The course will require an investment of 2-4 hours a week. It is organized into 25 modules that will align with the online/hybrid courses instructors will be teaching in the coming academic year (participants typically do half of the modules in the fall and half in the spring).

How do I sign up?

Currently, we have 30 seats available. If we have more applications than available spaces, we will select a representative group of faculty who are well-positioned to benefit from this program and support the academic success of our students through online/hybrid courses. Priority will be given to faculty who teach courses with a high-level of student impact, such as:

- courses in the core curriculum
- courses with historically high enrollments and/or DFWI rates
- courses that serve as prerequisites for large numbers of other classes in a major.

If the initial group of faculty report very favorably on the effectiveness of the course, we will repeat the program in the future and open it to additional faculty.

When does the ACUE course start?

We are planning for a “live” launch meeting during the week of August 10th. At that meeting, ACUE specialists will review the course and answer any faculty questions. After that, modules will be due each week that correspond to the online/hybrid courses you are teaching.

To apply, please complete this short application by June 19, 2020: <https://tinyurl.com/ACUENSC>.

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If you have any questions, please email Chris.Garrett@nsc.edu.

Best,

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