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Employability Resources Toolkit Tour

The recently released NC-NET Employability Resources Toolkit has been a very popular download this fall. The eight-module toolkit was developed to provide instructional materials and activities to assist faculty in enhancing how their courses address the eight employability competencies identified by the Super CIP committee as important for integration across the curriculum. A Guided Tour of the toolkit is now available, offering a quick overview for new users of all available features.

New Resources from Across the State

The NC-NET clearinghouse of resources continues to expand. Here are a few examples of new resources in the collection contributed by recently completed Perkins projects.

Davidson County Community College's project, *Tools for Engaging the iPod Generation*, created videos to guide hybrid/online course instructors through important procedures in Moodle as well as an iPadsU course titled *iPads for Industry* which explains how to set up and use iPads, the Safari browser, podcasts, and applications. Sample chapters demonstrating the versatility of electronic textbooks are also included. Videos and project information can be accessed at http://www.nc-net.info/resource_davidson.php

Faculty from **Forsyth Technical Community College** developed modules introducing helpful (and free!) technology tools. *Using the Socrative Student Response System* introduces instructors to an app for gathering real-time responses via students' computers, tablets, or smart phones. *Using Prezi to Create Instructional Presentations* is designed to help instructors determine whether Prezi, a PowerPoint alternative, can enhance their course content delivery. You can navigate to both modules from the NC-NET Classroom Technology Resources page at where you'll find login instructions for the NC-NET Blackboard server.

Guilford Technical Community College faculty also explored the use of instructional apps in *Mobile App Use in Higher Education*, a module encouraging instructors to incorporate mLearning in their courses. You can navigate to it from the NC-NET Classroom Technology Resources page.

Nursing faculty at **Johnston Community College** developed two interactive professional development modules, *Assessment of Critical Thinking and Item Writing* and *Strategies for Test Development and Item Writing*, to help instructors better prepare students for national certification exams. Although created with nursing students in mind, the content applies across disciplines and includes topics such as critical thinking, Bloom's Taxonomy, and assessment. You can navigate to them from the NC-NET Health Sciences Resources page.

South Piedmont Community College's project, *A Model for Pairing Credentials and STEM Program Courses*, yielded a step-by-step guide with accompanying instructional video and sample planning documents. While the model aligns the HVAC-R associate degree program with industry recognized credentials, the model and professional development materials can be used with any STEM program that results in industry credentials.

Resource Exchange

The purpose of the North Carolina Network for Excellence in Teaching is to share professional development and teaching resources statewide, to help avoid duplication, and to encourage and enable replication of quality practices. The Resource Exchange offers an opportunity for your college to showcase and share its best professional development resources and teaching tools. The NC-NET site already hosts hundreds of resources but we know there are more hidden gems just waiting to be discovered. So what are you waiting for? Begin the sharing! The submission form is easy to complete and is accessible from a link on the NC-NET home page.

Spotlight on Teaching and Learning Centers

A number of colleges in the state support Teaching and Learning Centers for faculty professional development. In this issue we highlight resources from two of these centers.

Durham Technical Community College's Teaching-Learning Center shares an array of online resources:

Gaston College's Faculty Resource Center shares its teaching tip resources web page: