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## **NISOD and ACUE announce inaugural seminar partners**

*Ten colleges selected to host NISOD and ACUE regional learning events promoting teaching excellence and student success*

March 11, 2019—The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) today announced that 10 colleges have been selected to host inaugural credit-bearing regional seminars that support faculty use of evidence-based teaching practices.

“We were impressed by the selected institutions’ commitment to teaching excellence and faculty professional development,” said Dr. Edward Leach, NISOD’s executive director. “The seminars will equip faculty from the host institutions, as well as their colleagues from neighboring colleges, with strategies proven to make a positive difference in student learning.”

The following colleges were selected following a competitive application and interview process:

- City Colleges of Chicago Harold Washington (IL)
- City Colleges of Chicago Malcolm X (IL)
- Hudson County Community College (NJ)
- Lenoir Community College (NC)
- Miami Dade College (FL)
- Montgomery College (MD)
- Prince George’s Community College (MD)
- Vance-Granville Community College (NC)
- Wayne County Community College District (MI)
- Wake Technical Community College (NC)

Seminar participants will learn about and implement teaching practices aligned to ACUE’s Effective Practice Framework—a statement of the core instructional competencies every college educator should possess—which was independently validated and is endorsed by the American Council on Education. Faculty who satisfy the seminar requirements, which include implementing at least two evidence-based teaching practices and writing reflections about their experience, will earn credit toward a Certificate in Effective College Instruction, a highly sought-after credential co-endorsed by ACUE and the American Council on Education.

In the fall of 2018, NISOD and ACUE launched a major collaboration to advance faculty and student success through quality instruction at community and technical colleges nationwide. In addition to offering credit-bearing seminars, other benefits are available to NISOD member and ACUE partner institutions.

“We’re excited to offer these high-quality learning events, in collaboration with NISOD, that provide faculty with a glimpse into ACUE’s learning design and competencies from our comprehensive, 25-module courses,” Dr. Penny MacCormack, ACUE’s chief academic officer, said. “New and experienced instructors will have the opportunity to learn with and from one another as they prepare to implement evidence-based teaching strategies in their classes, keeping with our mission to impact student success through exemplary instruction.”

Seminar dates will be announced in the coming weeks. All faculty are invited to register at [www.nisod.org/scheduled-workshops](http://www.nisod.org/scheduled-workshops).

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**About ACUE:** The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) believes that all college students deserve an extraordinary education and that faculty members play a critical role in their success. In partnership with institutions of higher education nationwide, ACUE supports and credentials faculty members in the use of evidence-based teaching practices that drive student engagement, retention, and learning. Faculty members who complete ACUE courses earn certificates in effective college instruction endorsed by the American Council on Education. ACUE’s Community of Professional Practice connects college educators from across the country through member forums, podcasts, and updates on the latest developments in the scholarship of teaching and learning. To learn more, visit [www.acue.org](http://www.acue.org).