

SAN DIEGO
CITY COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING

WEEK OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SPRING 2025



MONDAY, JANUARY 27–FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

Welcome to the Week of Professional Learning!

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our Spring 2025 Week of Professional Learning (WOPL)! Professional Learning has coordinated this week to meet the unique learning needs of the campus community. We would like to thank all the presenters for submitting activities for this semester's program. WOPL is part of City's commitment to the Instructional Improvement Program (Flex) to meet state requirements for offering faculty a flexible range of instructional improvement activities (a.k.a. "flex"). Additionally, you can find more professional learning activities on the SDCCD Online Instructional Improvement website (faculty) or City's Professional Learning homepage (all employees).

The theme for the college this year continues to be **What is Your Why? Reimagining the Future of Education at San Diego City College**. The keynote speaker will be our very own, Chancellor Greg Smith, who will address what the future may look like within our district and at City College over the next few years. Additionally, Convocation will include a panel discussion with the executive team (president and vice presidents).

Come to Convocation on Thursday to hear updates from the leadership team and learn what is coming up at City and beyond in 2025. We are also very proud to host most of our sessions in the Elva Salinas Professional Learning Center (PLC) this semester. The PLC is located on the first floor, on the West side of the R-Building, accessible from Lot 8. Additionally, we encourage you to attend as many workshops as possible to refresh and reconnect with your colleagues. As an incentive, pick up a Professional Learning "Learn to Win" card at the PLC lobby to enter your name into the raffle for one of three \$50.00 gift cards to the bookstore. We hope that you enjoy the workshops and activities offered just for you!

Sincerely,

Marco Anzures

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Professional Learning Coordinator

Week of Professional Learning

Monday, January 27 – Friday, January 31, 2025

Schedule of Activities

*Thursday, January 23

9:00am – 4:00pm	New Faculty Pre-Semester Orientation	Zoom
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Monday, January 27

No activities scheduled.

Tuesday, January 28

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11:00am – 1:00pm	Training for ASL II ZTC Curriculum	R-111

Wednesday, January 29

9:00am – 4:00pm	“Learn to Win” WOPL Card Raffle	PLC Lobby
8:30am – 10:00am	Student Equity in the Sciences	R-109
10:00am – 12:30pm	Eating with the Seasons: Chili Experience	T-341E
10:00am – 11:00am	The Winter Sky - Planetarium Show	S-316
11:00am – 12:00pm	Universal Design for Learning (UDL): Creating Inclusive Learning Environments	Zoom
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Sabbatical Application Writing Workshop	R-111
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Support Services Snapshots	Zoom

Thursday, January 30

8:30am – 12:00pm	Convocation, Panel, & Keynote	Saville Theatre
12:30pm – 5:00pm	School & Department Meetings	Varied

Friday, January 31

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11:00am – 1:00pm	Productive Struggle: Getting Comfortable with the Discomfort of Learning	R-116
11:00am – 12:00pm	Collaboration in Action: CSTs for ACPs	R-109
1:00pm – 2:00pm	SDCCD Flex Obligation Updates	Zoom

Grand Opening!

Elva Salinas Professional Learning Center

March 12, 2025 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Save the Date!



Schedule of Activities – Detailed

Please refer to the details for each learning opportunity during Week of Professional Learning to help you choose what sessions to attend. Activity and workshop details are also accessible via the Professional Learning homepage [Google calendar](#) and [SDCCD Online Instructional Improvement website](#) (faculty access).

Professional Learning Survey

Please complete an evaluation form for each workshop you attend. These short evaluations help Professional Learning gauge the quality and appropriateness of each activity. Your input shapes the type of professional learning offered each semester. Thanks in advance!

[>> Survey <<](#)

Thursday, January 23

9:00am – 4:00pm

New Faculty Pre-Semester Orientation

[Zoom](#)

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FLEX# 26296 ([AGENDA](#))

This session is intended for all new part-time and full-time faculty members who are going into their first or second semester in their current role. However, all faculty may attend. This new faculty orientation is intended to provide timely support prior to the semester for new part-time and full-time faculty. Faculty will learn the foundational tools for setting up their courses on Canvas, creating an inclusive syllabus, and other important dates, deadlines, and student support services for faculty during the semester. You do not need to stay online the whole day. [Please review the schedule and agenda for session info.](#)

Monday, January 27

No activities scheduled.

Tuesday, January 28

11:00am – 1:00pm **Training for ASL II ZTC Curriculum** **R-111**

PRESENTER: MELANIE NAKAJI

FLEX# 26111

Participants will learn how to download the ASL II ZTC curriculum from Canvas Commons and ADAPT homework assignments. The goal is for them to set up their ASL II course for the Spring using ZTC materials.

10:00am – 12:00pm **New Hires Institute** **R-109**

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FLEX# 26298

The New Hires Institute is a year-long program that introduces new employees to the City College culture, fosters a group connection, and provides timely information to help you feel comfortable in your new role. The first Spring session will kick things off with a welcome message, introductions, and a group activity centered on what it means to belong at City and exploring why we do the work that we do as educators.

Wednesday, January 29

9:00am – 4:00pm **“Learn to Win” WOPL Raffle Card** **PLC Lobby**

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Pick up a raffle card and attend three WOPL sessions to enter your name into a raffle for one of three \$50.00 gift cards to the bookstore!

8:30 – 10:00am **Student Equity in the Sciences** **R-109**

PRESENTER: STU MATZ

FLEX# 26110

“Student Equity in Science Courses” is designed to guide faculty in designing a course that is equitable to all students. During this session, four key issues (authentic care, relationship building, clear instructions and reasonable expectations) will be highlighted, discussed, and incorporated into each of the participants' syllabi. As a result, each faculty will be able to modify their course in a manner which allows all students to both succeed and exceed. This will be an interactive session. Each participant should come with a current syllabus and a cheerful attitude.

Wednesday, January 29

10:00am – 12:30pm

Eating with the Seasons: Chili Experience

T-341E

PRESENTER: CHEF SHANNON ENGLISH

FLEX# 26297

Join us for a seasonal cooking experience where participants will have the opportunity to: learn more about the benefits of sourcing local produce, gain more confidence cooking with whole food ingredients, and connect with fellow City College faculty and staff by collaborating on a meal with ingredients sourced from Seeds@City Urban Farm. Participants will receive a complimentary cook book as well. Limited to the first 20 registrants in the flex system.

10:00 – 11:00am

The Winter Sky – Planetarium Show

S-316

PRESENTER: LISA WILL

FLEX# 26130

Start the Spring 2025 semester under the stars! Join us in City's Planetarium for a tour of the night sky. Bring your curiosity and relax under the dome. Never seen our planetarium? Now is your chance to expand your knowledge of the universe!

11:00am – 12:00pm

**Universal Design for Learning (UDL):
Creating Inclusive Learning Environments**

[Zoom](#)

PRESENTER: TUCKER GRIMSHAW

FLEX# 26299

Want to create a classroom where everyone belongs? Join us to explore how learning works for all students - in ways you can use right away. We'll define Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and together see how UDL creates better experiences for everyone in your classroom. You'll learn to: (1) Use UDL strategies in your lessons, (2) See inclusion from new angles, (3) Build flexible learning experiences.

Wednesday, January 29

12:00 – 1:00pm

Sabbatical Application Writing Workshop

R-111

PRESENTER: LISA WILL

FLEX# 26131

Sabbatical applications are due in mid-February! This session will provide information on the application process and a Q&A with representatives from the Professional Advancement Committee about what makes a strong sabbatical project, followed by time to work on writing your application with support from the PAC chair. Bring your laptop and let's get your application ready for success! Workshop goals include increased knowledge of the faculty contract and writing support for the sabbatical process.

12:00 – 1:30pm

Support Services Snapshot

[Zoom](#)

PRESENTER(S): PROFESSIONAL LEARNING + DEPARTMENTS (SEE LIST)

FLEX# 26273

[Presenter list and times.](#)

Have you always wanted to know what services the Library provides or what programs Seeds@City supports? What about Financial Aid, the Transfer & Career Center, DSPS, and more? Campus support services join us on Zoom for 5-minute snapshots of what they do. Use the presenter order to approximate the program you want to hear from. Then join them in a breakout room if you want to chat more.

Thursday, January 30

8:30am-12:00pm

Convocation

Saville Theatre

PRESENTER(S): RICKY SHABAZZ, CHANCELLOR GREG SMITH (GUEST SPEAKER)

FLEX# 26302

Continuing with this year's theme "What is Your Why? Re-Imagining Higher Education at San Diego City College" join us for refreshments, college updates, a town hall with our executive team, and a closing talk from our very own Chancellor Smith.

12:30-5:00pm

School & Department Meetings

Varied

FLEX# PLEASE CHECK THE FLEX CALENDAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT #

Thursday afternoon following Convocation is dedicated to hosting School and department meetings. Please check the Flex Calendar, Professional Learning Google Calendar, and with your dean/chair for your time and location.

Friday, January 31

9:00am – 4:00pm

“Learn to Win” WOPL Raffle Card

PLC Lobby

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9:00 – 10:00am

What is Enrollment Management?

[Zoom](#)

PRESENTER(S): ANDY MACNEILL, AARON DETTY, LETICIA LOPEZ

FLEX# 26300

Want to know how enrollment management and class scheduling decisions are made? Hear from our deans on how they continually develop and implement enrollment management decisions in this informational Zoom session. Participants will come away with a general understanding of the decision-making process and factors that affect enrollment management.

9:00 – 11:00am

Canvas Rev-Up Rodeo: Saddle Up for a Semester of Success!

[Zoom](#)

PRESENTER(S): CHRIS ROGERS, ONLINE LEARNING PATHWAYS

FLEX# 26272

Master the art of efficient and effective Canvas course setup with our "Canvas Rev-Up Rodeo!" workshop, designed to help you prepare your online courses for optimal student success. Learn how to avoid common pitfalls and ensure all crucial components are in place before the semester starts, saving time and enhancing the overall learning experience. By the end of this session, you will be able to identify essential components of a well-structured online course, implement a systematic pre-semester checklist, and complete specific tasks in Canvas to properly set up your course for student success.

10:00 – 11:00am

How to Integrate Climate Justice Into Your Course

R-109

PRESENTER(S): TERRI HUGHES-OELRICH, LISA CHADDOCK

FLEX# 26135

Learn how to attain a Leaf or Two Leafs in your courses. Leafs are in the course schedule showing a course has sustainability, climate justice or environmental content. Faculty will be able to understand how to integrate sustainable content into courses. In many cases, curriculum changes will have to be made with collaboration of colleagues at Mesa and Miramar. The goal is to have climate content in more courses at City.

Friday, January 31

10:00 – 11:00am

**Creating a Liquid Syllabus Using
Google Sites**

R-111

PRESENTER: SERENA COLLIER

FLEX# 26094

In this session, faculty will become familiar with the basics of Google Sites and discuss the value a liquid syllabus brings to their course as an equitable practice. Participants will be guided through an interactive session, building their own Google Site to be further developed into a liquid syllabus, and have the opportunity to collaborate with others. This will be an interactive and engaging session! (**Note:** Please bring a laptop - not tablet - to the session.) Participants will leave with a framework for a liquid syllabus on Google Sites and an understanding of how this makes our course syllabi more accessible for students.

11:00am – 1:00pm

**Productive Struggle: Getting Comfortable
with the Discomfort of Learning**

R-116

PRESENTER(S): MORGAN MOUCHKA, CHRISTIAN CAZARES, SEDELIA DOMINGUEZ MERCADO,
HAILEY EDWARDS, ALEXIS REYES, LAMAR THOMAS

FLEX# 26096

Beverages and light snacks provided for participants. It is recommended that you bring a laptop. Productive struggle is a form of strategic challenge where students, through trial and error, focus not only on the solution, but the process of reaching that solution. The ability for students to learn from productive struggle is paramount for long term critical thinking, problem solving, and cognitive growth. In this workshop, participants will explore the concept of productive struggle and its vital role in promoting student success. By the end of the session, attendees will be equipped to understand the principles of productive struggle and will gain insights into how it enhances perseverance, flexible thinking, and self-regulated learning. Through collaborative discussions and practical applications, participants will leave with a comprehensive understanding of how to support productive struggle in their classes to support diverse students and facilitate equitable engagement.

Friday, January 31

11:00am – 12:00pm

Collaboration in Action:

R-109

CSTs for ACPs

PRESENTER: CRISTINA CARRILLO, SUSAN MURRAY, MARCO ANZURES, MARIAM MENA, TAYLER NICHOLS

FLEX# 26230

Academic Career Pathways (ACPs) are here and we want to create meaningful communities for our students through Collaborative Support Teams (CSTs). Please join us in a discussion on how to participate in creating exciting new ways for students to explore careers and majors. A better understanding for ACPs and how we can support this efforts through CSTs. Also, gaining a better understanding on how CSTs work.

11:00am – 12:00pm

Flex Obligations Update

[Zoom](#)

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FLEX# 26301

Learn about what "Flex" (instructional improvement) is and how to complete it each semester. Included in the presentation will be examples of different ways to fulfill your semesterly professional development.



Professional Learning

The Professional Learning program at City College is dedicated to supporting the college's mission of student learning and achievement by providing transformative learning opportunities for faculty, staff, and administrators.

This is accomplished through collaborative relationships with Professional Learning, the Professional Learning Council, and professional learning constituent groups for faculty, classified professionals, supervisors, managers, and grants/initiatives.

To learn more about professional learning programming or to get involved, visit:

<https://www.sdcity.edu/faculty-staff/professional-development/index.aspx>

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