AC Web Sites for Faculty Professional Development

- **AC Professional and Organizational Development Page**—A very helpful site for all AC employees. Find out about and sign up for professional development activities. View or download manuals and handbooks. Pragmatic teaching information included in the “Resources” section under “faculty.” Many other useful links included.

- **AC’s New Faculty Academy Readings**

Other Web Sites (non-AC Organizations)

- **American Association of Community Colleges**—AACC describes itself as “the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges.” The site features a “community college finder” clickable map, a bookstore, a job bank, “fast facts” about community colleges, “trends and statistics” information, a “hot issues” section, legislative updates, and much more. Some features are limited to members.

- **Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS)**—Accredits institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

- **Texas Association of Community Colleges**—The TACC site describes itself as “an information resource for matters relating to the community colleges of Texas.” It contains a “Job Bank” link that leads to listings on human resources pages, an “economic impact study” report, legislative information, a listing of Texas community colleges, a “data and information” section, a “resource guide” with statistical information about community colleges, information about Starlink and the Virtual College of Texas, and more. The links page has many helpful sites listed.

- **Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA)**—TCCTA is “-- by far -- the largest organization of postsecondary educators in Texas.” The site has links to information about state agencies, public policy, career opportunities, salaries, and more. The links page entitled “Other Pages of Interest to Two-Year College Teachers” is quite extensive.

- **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**—Entity responsible for planning for improvement of higher education in the State of Texas.
Other Web Resources

- **Academic Advising Resources on the Internet**—This extensive site contains numerous helpful links regarding various areas of advising and is well worth perusing. Some areas are career counseling, financial aid, and study skills.

- **Compendium of Centers for Teaching Excellence**—A collection of links to the centers for teaching excellence at various colleges and universities. Most sites are local in nature but contain resources links, so you may have to look around a bit. Lots of practical advice.

- **ERIC (Education Resources Information Center—WWW version)**—Self-described as “the world’s premier database of journal and non-journal education literature.”

- **Electronic and Internet Resources for College Teaching**—A collection of links assembled by the Providence College Center for Teaching Excellence.

- **Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL)**—This site is one of the most popular of its type in the world. It has downloadable handouts and PowerPoint presentations faculty can use (but give credit!). The range of skills it includes is very extensive. Please take a look if you haven’t seen this wonderful site previously.

- **Techniques and Strategies for Teaching and Learning**—A collection of helpful essays and links from Iowa State University.

- **Web Sites Related to Teaching and Learning**—A collection of links assembled by the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University.

- **Web U.S. Higher Education (University of Texas-Austin)**—Links to Web sites of colleges, universities, and regional accrediting agencies.

AC Library Databases

*WebAdvisor log-in may be required.*


- **CollegeSource**—Worldwide searchable database of college information.

- **ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)**—Contains journal articles and ERIC documents searchable in the FirstSearch interface. Subjects covered are adult, career, and vocational education; assessment and evaluation; disabilities and gifted education; information and technology; language and linguistics; reading and communication; educational management; elementary and early childhood education; higher education; teachers and teacher education; urban education; and many more.

- **ERIC** (through U. S. Department of Education interface)

- **NetLibrary eBooks**—NetLibrary contains thousands of electronic books that can be read online. The content of each book can be electronically searched to find each page that contains your search term. NetLibrary is an excellent research tool for almost any topic.

- **Professional Development Collection**—Specialized database for educators. Content overlaps to some extent with Academic Search Premier, which is produced by the same vendor.

- **WilsonSelectPlus**—Large multi-subject database with good coverage of education topics.

**Electronic Books**

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These books were retrieved from AC’s NetLibrary database, which contains thousands of online books. Click [here](#) to do your own search.

- **Adult Learning and Development: Perspectives from Educational Psychology.** 1998. Smith.

- **Adult Students “At-Risk”: Culture Bias in Higher Education.** 1997. Quinnan.


- **Contradictory College: The Conflicting Origins, Impacts, and Futures of the Community College.** 1994. Dougherty

• **Critical Thinking for Students: How to Assess Arguments and Effectively Present Your Own.** 1999. Brink-Budgen.


• **Distance Education Evolution: Issues and Case Studies, The.** Monolescu et al. 2004.


• **Evaluating, Improving, and Judging Faculty Performance in Two-Year Colleges.** 2000. Miller.


• **Handbook of College Reading and Study Strategy Research.** 2000. Flippo.

• **Handbook of Distance Education.** 2003. Moore.


• **How Scholars Trumped Teachers: Change without Reform in University Curriculum, Teaching, and Research, 1890-1990.** 1999. Cuban.

• **How to Read and Remember More in 20 Minutes a Day.** 1997. Chesla.


• **Last-Minute College Financing: It's Never Too Late to Plan for the Future.** 2000. Cassidy.


• **Policy, Pedagogy, and Social Inequality: Community College Student Realities in Post-Industrial America.** 1998. Herideen.


• **Practical Approaches to Using Learning Styles in Higher Education.** 2000. Dunn.


• **Success in On-Line Learning.** 2002. Kramer.


• **Virtual Education: Cases in Learning & Teaching Technologies.** 2003. Albalooshi.

• **Ways of Thinking: Ways of Teaching.** 1999. Hillocks.

• **Web-Based Education: Learning from Experience.** 2003. Aggarwal.

• **When Hope and Fear Collide: A Portrait of Today’s College Student.** 1998. Levine.


**Selected AC Print Books**

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**Notes:**
- Books on the 4th floor (WSC) can be checked out.
- Books on the 2nd floor (WSC) cannot be checked out (reference material).
- The library on AC’s West Campus is a member of the Amarillo Public Library system (Northwest Branch).

• **Adjunct Professor’s Guide to Success: Surviving and Thriving in the College Classroom.** 1999. Lyons. 372.12 L991, 4th floor, WSC.

• All the Essential Half-Truths about Higher Education. 1998. O'Brien. 378.73 O13, 4th floor, WSC.


• America’s Community Colleges: A Century of Innovation. 2001. AACC. 378.1543 A312, 4th floor, WSC.


• Community College Exemplary Initiatives. 1997. NCIA. 378.154 C734 V12, 4th floor, WSC.

• Culture for Academic Excellence: Implementing the Quality Principles in Higher Education. 1997. Freed. 378 ER42 V25 #1, 4th floor, WSC.


• Generation X Goes to College: An Eye-Opening Account of Teaching in Postmodern America. 1996. Sacks. 378.125 S119, 4th floor, WSC.


• Implementing Effective Policies for Remedial and Developmental Education. 1997. Ignash. 378.1 C45C #100, 4th floor, WSC.


• **Measuring Institutional Performance in Higher Education.** 1994. Meyerson. 378.1 M484, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Models for Improving College Teaching: A Faculty Resource.** 1997. Travis. 378 ER42 1995 #6, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Retaining Minority Students in Higher Education: A Framework for Success.** 2003. Swail. 378 ER42 V.30 #2, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Strengthening Collegiate Education in Community Colleges.** 1994. Eaton. 378.052 E14, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Teaching and Learning.** 2000. Tulloch. 378.175 T253, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Transforming the Curriculum: Preparing Students for a Changing World.** 2002. Jones. 378 ER42 V.29 #3, 4th floor, WSC.

• **Wise Moves in Hard Times: Creating and Managing Resilient Colleges and Universities.** 1996. Leslie. 378.1 L634, 4th floor, WSC.

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