

# Resources for Adjunct Faculty

Compiled by the Chicago Area Faculty Development Network (CAFDN)

## Online Training Modules

### 4Faculty

[www.4faculty.org](http://www.4faculty.org)

Developed by topic area experts, *4Faculty* provides comprehensive professional development modules and tools to help faculty reach students more effectively. Faculty of member institutions may set up a personalized account and select from 26 content modules, or they may opt for one of two set tracks: a new-faculty orientation or a series of modules for veteran faculty. They may also choose a three-hour quick introduction to their college and community college teaching. The instructional modules include: Preparing for the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Class; Building your Syllabus; Grades and Testing; How People Learn; Approaches to Teaching; Helping Your Students; Effective Class Management Skills; Learning Theories; Technology in the Classroom; Focusing on Diverse Needs, etc. The website allows visitors to go through one of the modules (on Building your Syllabus) to experience the different aspects of a learning module.

### AdjunctSuccess

[www.adjunctsuccess.net](http://www.adjunctsuccess.net)

*AdjunctSuccess* is an organization dedicated solely to the professional development needs of part-time professors. For one annual subscription, clients can attend up to 15 Webinars, receive a biweekly e-newsletter, dialogue with other adjunct professors on scheduled topics in the AS Café, and access printable and online resources. A half-year subscription for an institution with 300 instructors is currently \$4,575. The Webinars can be viewed either live or from archive. Topics include: The Adjunct Professor: Formulating a Strategy for Success; Today's College and University Students; Teaching Online: The Basics; Managing Student Retention Mileposts; Launching Your Course Effectively; Tips for Managing Your Teaching Life More Effectively; Employing Traditional Teaching Methods More Effectively; Implementing Active Learning Strategies; Developing Effective Examinations; Assessing the Effectiveness of Your Teaching; Building Your Adjunct Teaching Career.

### AdjunctImpact

[www.adjunctimpact.com](http://www.adjunctimpact.com)

The program is currently piloted at the University of Texas Brownsville (UTB). The university interacts with adjuncts in two ways: *Personal contact*: All new adjuncts attend a personal and group orientation that includes an introduction to *AdjunctImpact*.™ *Online, just-in-time services*: The minute they are hired, all new adjuncts have an *AdjunctImpact* account that connects them to the information and training they need. Since the program (available on DVD and online) is still in its pilot phase, you can test-ride it for free. Modules include: Building Your Syllabus; Building Your Lesson Plan; First Impressions; Student Reactions; The First Two Weeks; Student Profiles; Planning Assessments; Building an Effective Test; Assigning Papers/Research; Assigning Group Projects; Effective Grading; Disruptive Students; Student Retention; Ongoing Education; Classroom Discussions; Teaching With Technology; Problem-Based Learning; What's New in Learning Theory?

## Online Resource Compendiums

### Berkeley Compendium of Suggestions for Teaching with Excellence

<http://teaching.berkeley.edu/compendium/>

Developed by Barbara Gross Davis, Lynn Wood, and Robert C. Wilson, this is the 1983 precursor of Barbara Gross Davis' classic book *Tools for Teaching* from 1993. A big difference: this early version of the book is freely available online.

### IDEA Papers

[www.idea.ksu.edu/resources/Papers.html](http://www.idea.ksu.edu/resources/Papers.html)

An almost complete collection of the well-known IDEA Papers from Kansas State University with short articles on topics such as Motivating Students; Improving Lectures; Improving College Grading; Writing a Syllabus; Teaching Adult Students; Student Ratings of Teaching; Getting Students to Read; The Technology Literate Professorate, etc. Thirty-two of the current 43 papers are available online.

### Faculty Development Associates

[www.developfaculty.com/online/online.htm](http://www.developfaculty.com/online/online.htm)

A comprehensive list of 136 key terms on college teaching, each one linked to a different website, that will be relevant for novice and experienced teachers alike. Topics range from Academic Integrity to Critical Thinking, Digital Portfolios, Experiential Education, Grade Inflation, International Student Resources, Learning Communities, Learning Styles, Online Learning Readiness, Problem Based Learning, Syllabus Development, Time Management, and Writing Across the Curriculum.

### Publications on Teaching and Learning

[www.indiana.edu/~teaching/allabout/pubs/](http://www.indiana.edu/~teaching/allabout/pubs/)

The faculty development center at Indiana University Bloomington has gathered a long list of pertinent publications on 45 topics from Academic Dishonesty to Deep Learning, Diversity, Information Technology, Large Classes, Mentoring Students, Student Evaluations of Teaching, and Writing Skills. Many of these articles are made available electronically on this website.

## Sample Handbooks for Adjuncts

Columbia College: [http://www.colum.edu/CIT/PDF\\_folder/Survival\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.colum.edu/CIT/PDF_folder/Survival_Guide.pdf)

Harper College: [http://www.harpercollege.edu/facdev/pdf/adjunctfacultyhandbook\\_fy07.pdf](http://www.harpercollege.edu/facdev/pdf/adjunctfacultyhandbook_fy07.pdf)

Kankakee Community College: [www.kcc.edu/faculty/adjunct/index.asp](http://www.kcc.edu/faculty/adjunct/index.asp)

Moraine Valley Community College: <http://www.morainevalley.edu/adjunct/faculty.htm>

Northeastern Illinois University: <http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/ptfaculty.html>

Saint Xavier University:

<http://www.sxu.edu/shareddocuments/ACA-Academics/AdjunctFacultyHandbook.pdf>