The 2014 Kingsborough Autumn Institute on Learning Communities

DESIGNING AND BUILDING A LEARNING COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Thursday and Friday, September 18-19, 2014
Brooklyn, NY

Join us for a two-day series of interactive workshops that focus on the challenges of designing and building Learning Communities and Learning Community Programs at your institution.

The Institute is held on the 72-acre, waterfront campus of Kingsborough Community College, located in southern Brooklyn, New York City. Your $180 per-participant registration fee includes workshop materials, continental breakfast and lunch on both days, and a wine and cheese reception. Casual dress is recommended.

Kingsborough is accessible by public transit or by car. Accommodations are on your own, but we can suggest hotels both near and not-so-near the campus.

For additional information, please call or write:

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Registration Deadline: June 13, 2014

Space is limited.
Register early
to guarantee a
spot for your team.

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Kingsborough has successful, nationally recognized Learning Community programs that we are excited to share with you. This two-day Institute will give you an opportunity to network with other community college faculty, staff, and administrators while you actively collaborate and learn from each other in a magnificent beachfront setting. The program will provide the "nuts and bolts" to help you build, develop, and sustain your own Learning Community Program from the ground up.

The Institute is appropriate for individuals new to Learning Communities as well as those who seek to reflect on and strengthen their practices. Your experience will be most productive if you attend with a team consisting of, ideally, five to seven members, including administration, faculty, and student services personnel from your institution. These individuals should be poised to create and/or develop Learning Communities through a collaborative, cross-campus team approach.

1. **Structuring and Sustaining Your Learning Communities Program:**
   - Engaging the administration
   - Bringing Student Services into the conversation
   - Planning for the future

2. **Engaging Your Faculty:**
   - Recruiting interested faculty
   - Supporting pre-semester faculty collaboration
   - Supporting sustained faculty collaboration

3. **Engaging Your Students:**
   - Identifying your audience
   - Strategies for pre-enrollment and registration into Learning Communities
   - Strategies for interactive pedagogy

4. **Looking at the Big Picture:**
   - Why assess?
   - Selecting the outcomes you want to study
   - Evaluating assessment models

Day 1: Learn about evidenced-based practices and work as a team to create or further develop LCs at your college. Each team collaborates to create an integrative assignment—the keystone to a successful Learning Community—and then consider strategies for assessing the success of that assignment. Share your work and offer feedback on the work of others.

An evening keynote address is followed by wine and cheese reception. Mix and mingle with Kingsborough LC faculty and staff and workshop participants.

Day 2: After considering the role of Student Services in a Learning Community program, and the power of collaboration between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, participants hear from a panel of Kingsborough students who discuss their experiences in KCC Learning Communities. The day ends with teams making plans for next steps on their campuses.

For questions about the 2014 Kingsborough Autumn Institute on Learning Communities, contact Stephanie Akunvabey at Stephanie.akunvabey@kbcc.cuny.edu.

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