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Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

PROFESSOR CONNECT

PROGRAM INFORMATION
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OVERVIEW

The Professor Connect Program aims to support the development of new faculty members by pairing them with experienced faculty mentors. Together, they will focus on setting and achieving a teaching goal using one of the QEP's active and engaged learning strategies. This collaborative effort will enhance teaching practices and foster a supportive academic community.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Prerequisites

Candidates for the Professor Connect Program must meet the following requirements:

- Mentors: Experienced faculty members with at least two years of teaching experience.
- Mentees: Faculty members with less than two years of teaching experience.

Program Requirements

Mentors are expected to:

- Attend the Professor Connect Orientation
- Engage in at least 4 New Faculty Series sessions (dates and times to be determined).
- Choose a QEP active and engaged learning strategy.
- Develop and execute a teaching plan utilizing the selected QEP learning strategy.
- Attend a minimum of 3 faculty development sessions, either in-person or virtual.
- Serve as a mentor for their new faculty member by offering guidance on teaching strategies, addressing challenges, and sharing insights.
- Prepare and present a brief overview of the outcomes and reflections from the experience to share with colleagues.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

September

- August 29 - Application deadline
- September 3 - Mentor Match
- September 9 - Complete Orientation

October - April:

- Meet regularly with your mentee
- Attend monthly meetings with the New Faculty Series
- Create and implement a teaching plan that uses at least one QEP active and engaged learning strategy

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Professional Development:** Contribute to the success of new faculty and refine your own teaching practices.
- **Career Advancement:** Mentors can assist with navigating the Continuing Contract Portfolio process, while simultaneously earning certificates that enhance their personal portfolios.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Facilitate connections between faculty from different disciplines and departments, encouraging interdisciplinary research and collaborative teaching.
- **Community Building:** Mentorship helps build a sense of community and collegiality among faculty members, enhancing collaboration and communication.
- **Impact on Students:** Experienced mentors can offer feedback on teaching practices, helping faculty improve course design, delivery, and student engagement.