

CASSL Seminars in Teaching and Learning

The Nuts and Bolts of Teaching: Methods that Bridge the Gaps Our Students Face

Seminar 3A: Mondays 5:00-7:00pm

Seminar 3B: Fridays 10:00-12:00am

Join us as we explore teaching methodology that will help bridge the basic skills gap that our students arrive with at CRC, the expectations gap they bring from high school to college, and the sustainability gap that sometimes causes capable students to give up partway through their educational experience. We will explore teaching “best practices” in the various disciplines represented by seminar participants. Seminar participants will review assigned readings on each general topic and engage in lively intellectual discussion of those readings informed by their own experiences with students. In addition, participants, working individually or in small groups, will delve more deeply into one area of special interest and provide the entire group with a brief literature review and analysis and lead the discussion of that area. Guest speakers may be invited to address specific issues.

Subtopics include:

1. Understanding yourself as a “teacher” of college students
2. Understanding our very diverse student populations and the gaps they must bridge to succeed
3. Student services that help students bridge the gaps
4. The differences between high school and college – bridging the expectations gap
5. Working with students who are underprepared in basic skills
6. Strategies for active learning and authentic tasks
7. How do we know that our students are learning?
8. Communicating with students through lectures and discussions
9. Student motivation and engagement – helping students sustain their effort

For more information, or to register for either seminar session, please contact Marybeth Buechner at 691-7404 or via email at buechnm@crc.losrios.edu