

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES
2016 BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE
April 22, 2016
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Each year the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presents the Best Practices Conference. This event brings together academic and administrative staff from all departments throughout our 19 community colleges. The conference presents the “best of the best” teaching, institutional and student services practices that are driving success throughout our sector. We encourage all professionals from our campuses to articulate their form of success, in the spirit of sharing, to further enhance our students’ experiences.

2016 THEME: STUDENT SUCCESS

Best Teaching Practices:

Faculty are invited to share best practices in teaching and learning, incorporating evidence from the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) literature and/or sharing course assessment data.

Best Institutional Practices:

Proposals that target the five strategic goals for student success will be given priority consideration; however, we also encourage proposals from across campuses that focus on student success from full-time faculty, student affairs and administrative perspectives.

NOTE: Last year’s conference was rich in content from cross-institutional panels. For 2016, in addition to individual proposals, we are making cross-institutional panels that can share Best Practices a priority. Please look to your colleagues throughout the state to form these panels. The conference steering committee will also study individual proposals that may be combined into a panel. **Please check the box in SECTION I, page 3, if you are willing to be part of such a combined session.**

Below is an example of a very successful cross-institutional panel from the 2015 conference:

Shortening the Developmental Math Pathway through Accuplacer Prep Programs

Incoming college students are often faced with taking multiple developmental math courses prior to proceeding into college level math and science classes. This impacts both student retention and graduation rates. A solution to this problem is to give students the opportunity to raise their math skills prior to starting college, allowing them to skip one or more developmental math classes.

The panelists from Camden County College, Essex County College, and Union County College will discuss three different technology tools and programs used by their institutions to improve students’ math skills and Accuplacer scores.

The software being employed at these colleges are ALEKS, EdReady and Math 911. In addition to the software other student support services utilized will be discussed. The speakers will present their programs, providing information on their experiences, outcomes and plans for the future.

Tracy Abar, Union County College

Randi Eisen, Camden County College

Martin Weissman, Essex County College

Moderator: Vivian Lynn, Hudson County Community College

Listed below are the five strategic goals that the New Jersey Council of County Colleges is pursuing for 2015-2016.

- **Transforming Developmental Education and English as a Second Language**
- **Improving College Readiness and Dual Enrollment Programs**
- **Creating Student Success Metrics**
- **Promoting Adjunct Faculty Development**
- **Using Core Student Learning Outcomes and Common Assessment Tools in the Top 10 Highest Enrolled General Education Courses**

For more information on the five strategic goals visit www.studentsuccess.com.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Please fill out all sections of this form. All sessions this year are one hour in length and run concurrently. All presentation rooms are media-enhanced. All presenters are **required to register and pay the conference admission fee**. You will receive a registration form under separate cover once your proposal is accepted. If you do not receive the registration form, please contact the NJCCC offices at 609-392-3434 or email Jessica Britt at jbritt@njccc.org.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please send the completed form directly to Marsha Stoltman of The Stoltman Group at marsha@thestoltmangroup.com with a copy to info@njccc.org. The form should be sent as a Microsoft Word attachment. **DO NOT INCLUDE THIS INSTRUCTIONS PAGE**. If you do not receive an e-mail reply within three business days, please contact Marsha Stoltman at 609-588-8703 or marsha@thestoltmangroup.com.

Your proposal form must be received by Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

SECTION I: PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Title of Presentation: _____

Please state to which strategic goal your presentation relates: _____

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_____ Yes, I will participate on a combined session panel. _____ No, I will not participate.

Subject Category:

_____ Academic _____ Administrative _____ Other

Who is your target audience: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Primary Contact/Presenter:

Name, Title: _____

College: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Alternative contact phone number (home, mobile, etc.) _____

Additional Presenters: (Maximum 3 presenters)

Name, Title: _____

College: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name, Title: _____

College: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION II: PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Please include a three or four sentence description of your presentation: (required). _____

Please identify two or three learning outcomes that participants will be able to implement as a result of attending your session. _____

Please describe the evidence behind why this session is a “best practice.” You can share institutional research or the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) evidence from the literature. Priority consideration will be given to sessions with strong evidence.

Are there any special accommodations for a disability or other matter that we need to know about your presentation? If so, please indicate: _____

I have read these instructions and understand them. Please accept my proposal for consideration:

Name	Date
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