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NEWSLETTER

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NEW SELF-PACED COURES FOR KPU EDUCATORS: ACCESS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING & TECHNOLOGY AND YOUR TEACHING PRACTICE



We are launching two new self-paced professional learning courses:

- Access in Teaching and Learning
- Technology and Your Teaching Practice

These courses provide practical, evidence-informed guidance to help educators create more inclusive learning experiences, enhance student engagement, and make informed decisions about the use of educational technologies. Together, they address key areas that are increasingly important in higher education, including access, accessibility and the duty to accommodate, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), student success, educational technology, privacy, security, and responsible technology use.

Whether you are designing a new course, revising existing learning activities, or exploring ways to better support diverse learners, these courses offer valuable strategies and resources that can be applied directly to your teaching practice.

Participants who successfully complete either course will receive a **KPU completion-based digital badge** recognizing their commitment to accessible, inclusive, and effective teaching practices.

We encourage all KPU educators to take advantage of these learning opportunities and explore how accessibility and technology can further enhance the student learning experience.

Click here for Access in Teaching and Learning

Click here for Technology and Your Teaching

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY MONTH!

Celebrate Academic Integrity Month this October! Join us throughout October for workshops, events, and learning opportunities designed to promote academic integrity across KPU. In collaboration with campus partners, these activities support faculty and students in building the knowledge, skills, and values needed for learning with integrity. Explore the Academic Integrity Month webpage, share opportunities with your students, and help us foster a culture of integrity across the university.



Together, we can empower students to succeed with confidence and integrity.

Sneak peek at upcoming events:

- Knowledge Bite: APA Citation
- Gen AI and Academic Integrity Tutorial Info Session for Educators (Faculty and Staff)
- Restorative Justice and Academic Integrity Lunch and Learn
- Faculty Spotlight: Designing for Integrity
- Trauma-Informed Pedagogy in Post-Secondary Education
- CET Talks! Ideas in Action: Assessment Design for a time of AI

and so much more!



CLEAR EXPECTATIONS: SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

As part of our **Surfacing Learning and Assessment Design for Student Success** series, meet Sue Lee, ACP Instructor. In the short audio link below, she shares practical ways to engage students with course rules and policies in a systematic and accessible way, helping ensure expectations are understood and reinforced across both in-person and online learning environments.

Click here to listen!

SUPPORT INNOVATION AND PRACTICE CHANGE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Stories, Dialogue & Restorative Justice

Wed, Nov 28, 4:00-7:00PM, KPU Surrey campus, Cedar boardroom 1205

Guest speaker: Candace Wood
Survivor - Author - Advocate

Drawing on her experiences as both a survivor and restorative justice participant, Candace will speak about the complexities of trauma, accountability, difficult conversations, and the possibility of healing after serious harm.

Click here to register.

NEW GUIDANCE: AI-ASSISTED DEVICES

We have released new guidance on AI-assisted devices in learning environments, developed in response to faculty concerns about emerging technologies such as Meta smart glasses.

This guidance was created in collaboration with a faculty working group, and supports instructors in establishing clear expectations for AI-assisted devices and outlines considerations related to privacy, academic integrity, accessibility, and respectful learning environments. Instructors may restrict or prohibit the use of these devices where appropriate.

View the guidance language here.

Open Education Community of Practice

A flexible community for sharing ideas, resources, and experiences in open education Interested in open education, OER, open pedagogy, accessibility, or open publishing? The Open Education Community of Practice (CoP) is relaunching this fall. To join, click here.

What to expect

- Monthly hybrid meetings (in person: Surrey Arbutus 2400)
- Resource sharing and discussion
- Connections with colleagues across KPU
- Flexible participation

Fall 2026 schedule
Third Wednesday of each month
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting: October 21

Click here to view all of our upcoming workshops and events!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



BCcampus Award for Excellence in Open Education

The CET team is proud to announce that Amanda Grey, Open Education Teaching Strategist, is the recipient of the 2026 BCcampus Award for Excellence in Open Education.

Amanda is an integral part of the CET team, and brings with her a wealth of knowledge. We are so delighted to see that her hard work is being acknowledged and showcased.

Read the incredibly kind, insightful article from BCcampus by clicking here.



Educational Consultant, Pedro dos Santos

Pedro dos Santos, an instructor in the Department of Educational Studies since 2022, and now an educational consultant in our department, supports the advancement of generative AI (GenAI) literacy across KPU. He works with faculty and service areas to make existing GenAI initiatives more visible and connected. He also co-develops resources that help instructors guide students toward critical, ethical, and effective engagement with GenAI in every program.

Welcome to the team, Pedro!

Time Release Recipients

Fall 2026 - ePortfolio Champions
The following faculty will partner with CET to advance the use of ePortfolios in their respective departments and faculties. Having submitted project plans for their department initiative. They will have training, support and most importantly time to create resources and implement their projects.

- Valerie Warren, Accounting, Melville School of Business
- Rajdeep Gill, ARTS - Interdisciplinary, Faculty of Arts

Spring 2027 - ZTC Advancement Grant
The ZTC Advancement Grant supports transitioning strategic non-ZTC courses (identified through KPU Open's annual ZTC Program Analysis) to ZTC status by exploring OER solutions or creating/adapting an OER for that course.

- Jeffrey Meyers, Criminology, Faculty of Arts
- Jacqueline Chia, Computer Business Systems, Melville School of Business
- Vera Lantinova, Economics, Melville School of Business

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COMMUNITY DRUM-MAKING WORKSHOP

Tues, Nov 3, 1:00-4:00PM, KPU Surrey campus, The Gathering Place (Maple building)

Attendees will have the opportunity to make their own tom-tom, which they can take home or leave with the group drum as part of the completed set. Throughout the workshop, David Fierro and Susheela Kundargi will share knowledge about the drum-making process, the materials being used, and the relationships and practices connected to the work.

Space is limited! Learn more and register by clicking here.