Examples of Professional Development Opportunities Offered at the Unit Level

Teacher and Professional Education Faculty at Western Illinois University have numerous professional development opportunities offered by the colleges, unit, and university. In addition to the following summary of opportunities offered by the unit, faculty can participate in ongoing professional development opportunities offered by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (http://www.wiu.edu/CITR/) and the Office for Partnerships, Professional Development and Technology (http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/oppdt/)

Examples of Regularly Occurring Professional Development Opportunities

- English Language Learner Seminars
- Illinois Education and Technology Conference
- Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Fall and Spring Conferences
- Annual Faculty Innovators Program (http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/technology/fi.php)
- Annual Dealing With Differences Institute
- Continuing Conversations Series – 2009-2010
  - How Are Academic Skills Acquired?
  - Learning Styles
  - The Difference Between Cognitive Development and Academic Development
  - The Role of the Teacher in the Development of Academic Skills
  - Making Decisions About Education Practice – What is Your Bottom Line?
- Cultural Competencies
- Continuing Conversations Series – 2010-2011
- Becoming a Master Teacher - Part 1
- Becoming a Master Teacher - Part 2
- Becoming a Master Teacher: Developing Critical Habits of Mind
- The Integration of Foundation and Content-Specific “Big Ideas” Within the Disciplines
- Dealing with Candidate Misconceptions in Teaching and Content

Examples of Speakers and/or Webinars

- English Language Learners Workshop Preparing Illinois Teachers for a Diverse New World
- Webinar Lessons From Practice in Teacher Education: Working Effectively with ELL and CLD Students
- Educating English Language Learners by Tamara Marrah

Examples of Faculty Training Events

- Annual Faculty Back to School Meetings
- WEPPAS Training for user subgroups like faculty, department chairs, and advisors
- Curriculum Mapping with the revised 2010 Illinois Professional Teaching Standards