

G.A.T.E

G.A.T.E. is a program designed to enhance the graduate experience by providing a thoughtful and thorough preparation in the art of teaching.

The sessions are interactive and innovative, and an experienced team of WCU faculty will model many of the practices that they use in their own classrooms.

The Coulter Faculty Center began offering G.A.T.E. workshops in 2005 after receiving an overwhelming number of requests from graduate assistants and graduate program directors for more opportunities in faculty and career development.

The G.A.T.E. sessions have evolved from basic nuts and bolts sessions to more advanced workshops designed to develop skills for teaching in higher education and more. Regardless of your background in teaching or other jobs, there is a G.A.T.E. workshop for you.

G.A.T.E. is your gateway to success.

All graduate students who participate in the GATE sessions will be given a certificate for their attendance. Those who complete all four GATE workshops will be presented with a special completion certificate and honored at the end-of-year banquet for their achievement.

“The confidence that graduate teaching assistants and graduate students with teaching and lab responsibilities have gained from participation in the G.A.T.E. program has been immeasurable. The G.A.T.E. program serves as a valuable complement to department training, and, for some departments, participation might be the only formal classroom training the student receives during their first semester of teaching. The opportunity to network with other teaching assistants and share common issues and problems with their G.A.T.E. mentors is very fulfilling for the student teacher and...their students.”

Dr. Scott Higgins
Dean of WCU Graduate School

“We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change. And the most pressing task is to teach people how to learn.”

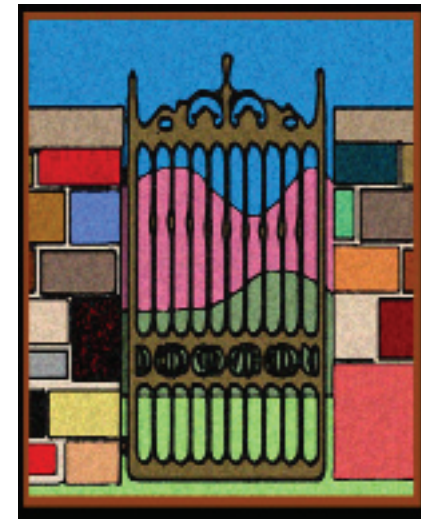
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American educator and author, b. 1901

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Graduate Assistant Teaching Experience



2008 ~ 2009

Hosted by WCU Graduate
School in conjunction with
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2008~2009 Workshops

G.A.T.E. Orientation (Required for all Graduate Teaching Assistants)

An intensive session that provides graduate teaching assistants with the information they need to be successful in the classroom

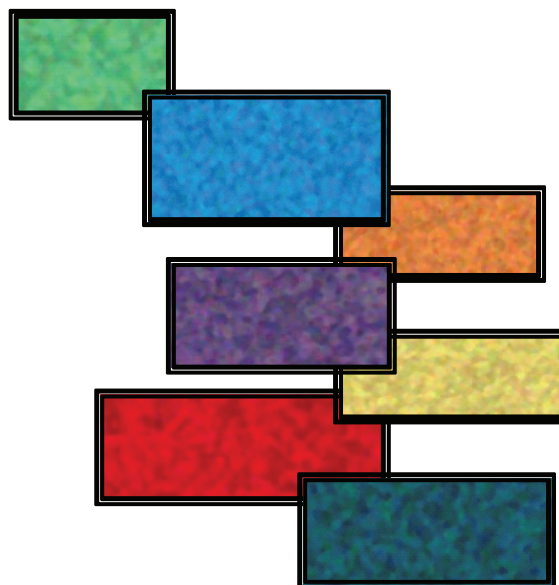
Date: Thursday, August 14th, 2008
Time: 2:00-3:30 PM
Place: 358 Belk

Workshop 1 Nuts and Bolts

An introduction to philosophy of learning in higher education, tips and tricks for effective teaching, and an interactive segment on new methods in course design, creating learning-centered syllabi, and integrating course elements towards pedagogical goals.

Date: September 11, 2008
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245

Date: September 12, 2008
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245



Workshop 2 How to Tell How Well You're Doing and How Well They're Doing

A critical evaluation of a variety of formative and summative assessment methods including frequently asked questions (and answers) on grading policies.

Date: September 25, 2008
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245

Date: September 26, 2008
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245

Workshop 3 How to be an Effective Manager

Role-playing exercises on how to handle frequently encountered classroom situations with questions and answers from experienced teachers. Topics include plagiarism, sexual harassment, teamwork, leadership and personality conflicts.

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245

Date: January 16, 2009
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: Hunter 245

Workshop 4 How Technology Can Enhance What You Do

Hands on experience with using the latest and greatest technological tools to achieve scholarly outcomes.

Date: February 12, 2009
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: UOC 133-B1

Date: February 13, 2009
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM
Place: UOC 133-B1

**To register go to:
<http://www.wcu.edu/7482.asp> and click on each Graduate Assistant Training workshop.**