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**McCormick-Searle
Teaching Effectiveness Program**

The McCormick-Searle Teaching Effectiveness Program is a collaborative effort between McCormick School of Engineering and the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence. Designed to support McCormick faculty in improving teaching effectiveness, the program promotes a conception of teaching and learning as scholarship and as a practice that can be *learned*, *evaluated* and *improved*.

Programs

New Faculty Workshops

Conducted each fall, these workshops explore the question that has animated much of the Center's work since its inception: what do the best teachers do?

Searle Fellows Program

This program is designed to honor newer Northwestern scholars for research and teaching accomplishments. Participants develop original and innovative approaches to teaching to advance and enhance student learning.

Faculty Workshop Series

The center sponsors an ongoing series of workshops designed to address a variety of teaching and learning issues, offered monthly. Check the Center website for the 2002-2003 topics, dates and times.

Departmental Workshops

We will work with departments individually to create sessions designed specifically to address the teaching and learning issues most pertinent to them.

Teaching, Learning & Technology

This 5-day intensive workshop introduces the latest classroom technology, and helps faculty to integrate into their classroom practice those methods most appropriate for them.

Service

Diagnostic Services

A trained academic professional will work with you privately and confidentially, using CTECS, your syllabus, or other available information, to provide you with a diagnosis of the key issues that enhance or impede learning in your classes. You will work with your consultant to explore pedagogical alternatives compatible with your personal style that may improve your teaching effectiveness.

Peer Review

Your consultant can attend a class and experience the educational environment from the student's perspective. He/she will make note of classroom management and other teaching-related issues, and may then offer suggestions to enhance your classroom effectiveness and the satisfaction of both you and your students.

Small Group Analysis

Your consultant can gather in-depth feedback directly from the students. He/she would meet with your students for 20-25 minutes to get insights on what is working, and how they think the class could be improved. Many faculty members find this service to be the single most effective way to enhance teaching.

Videotape Consultation

We can videotape a class session, and meet privately to discuss it. The service is free, confidential, and the videotape goes directly to you. Your consultant can review the tape with you and offer suggestions for improvement.

Resources

The Center Library

We have on site an extensive collection of videos, articles and books focused on teaching and learning.

The Center Website

A variety of on-line teaching resources, updated programming information, teaching and learning bibliographies, and much more are available through the web.

<http://president.scfte.northwestern.edu>

Innovative Teaching Grants

The Center supports innovations and experimentation in teaching designed to help and encourage more students to achieve existing learning objectives, or to facilitate more ambitious intellectual developments. Visit our website to find out more about grant opportunities.

Forums

University Teaching Series

This series provides an opportunity for faculty to exchange ideas about key issues in teaching and learning. It showcases McCormick Fellows and other faculty recognized for outstanding teaching.

Presidential Teaching Series

Each year we invite a distinguished scholar from another university to Northwestern to share insights into effective teaching.

Other Forums

The center facilitates a number of other forums throughout the year.

- ❖ Special Topics Workshops
- ❖ Brown Bag Lunch Seminars
- ❖ Seminar Series on Teaching

About the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence

Established in 1992, the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence supports Northwestern University's long tradition of teaching excellence.

Our mission is to explore and advance the practice of learning and teaching across the University in a way that promotes an engaged community of teachers and learners. Towards that end, we provide a broad range of research-based services, resources and programs to assist faculty with teaching, informed by an understanding of teaching as a rigorous, scholarly activity. The Center draws from a wide range of disciplinary and professional expertise to develop appropriate and effective pedagogy. Our staff of professionals is committed to advancing our mission by engaging in and facilitating the activities designed to enrich and support teaching.

All of the services we offer are formative in nature, and strictly confidential. From individual consultations to extended programs, our services are designed to facilitate personal and professional efforts to increase teaching skills and improve learning outcomes.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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