



Early Childhood Care and Education Best Practices Sharing Session

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Attendees:

1. Maria Abercrombie, Chattahoochee Technical College
2. Lisa Penton South Georgia Tech
3. Kelly North Georgia Technical College
4. Gena Sapp Augusta Technical College
5. Angie Minish North GA Tech
6. Diana McHughes Southern Crescent
7. Rene Mason Wiregrass
8. Rodithia Carr Augusta Technical College
9. Kay Wilson, Southeastern Technical College
10. Cristina Tippy, Central Georgia Technical College
11. Becky Lansing, West Georgia Tech
12. LaVerne Pruitt, Georgia Northwestern Technical College
13. Diane Griffin, Lanier Tech
14. James Peas, Southern Crescent Technical College
15. Jennifer Roberts, Gwinnett Tech
16. Caroline Sowell, Augusta Tech
17. Jeannie Jones Georgia Piedmont Tech
18. Betsy Bouwhuizen, Augusta Tech main campus
19. Wanda Brubaker, Lanier Technical College
20. Mindy Sumner
21. Paula McGhee Central Ga Tech
22. Jen Rosenfelt - Gwinnett Tech
23. Patsy Wilkerson, Coastal Pines Technical College
24. Dianne Callaway Southern Crescent
25. Mindy Sumner Southeastern Technical College
26. Tammy Rawlings- Central GA Tech
27. Jason Tanner from Chattahoochee (VPAA)
28. Julie Langham Augusta Technical College
29. Lisa White, Athens Technical College
30. Marcy Smith, Chattahoochee Tech
31. Anita Dailey - CGTC
32. Cathy Hoover Central GA Tech
33. Cinda Young Savannah Technical College.
34. Jim Gale, Atlanta Technical College
35. Sherry Lowery GA Piedmont Tech
36. Tracy Wimberley GNTC
37. Pamela Segers - Dept Chair, North Ga Technical College
38. Paula Dean CGTC
39. Rita Parmer Columbus Technical College
40. Stephanie Grant Savannah Technical College
41. Kendyl Tarver- Dept Chair- Columbus Technical College
42. Paula Clifton Ogeechee Tech
43. Nicole Jackson Columbus Tech
44. Susan McKoy from Chattahoochee Tech
45. Stephanie Grant Savannah Technical College
46. Lourdes Dumke from Chattahoochee Tech
47. Diane McHughes from Southern Crescent Technical College
48. Nan Walker- Atlanta Technical College
49. Tamika Brundidge, Chattahoochee Technical College
50. Nathalie Dames, TCSG

Points of Discussion:

The purpose of this meeting was to address the needs of general education faculty in light of the recent quick transition to virtual learning for all course. The following questions were presented during the meeting:

- GVTC Resources: <https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/deac>
- Are there any talks about if practicum should be offered in summer or conversations about pushing it back to the fall
- What have you had to change to accommodate online instruction?



- What suggestions do you have for your peers?
- Where do you need assistance?

Discussion Notes:

- The GVTC Resources: <https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/deac> website was shared.

There was question about when OER courses for ECCE 112 and ECCE 1113 would be ready. Nikki Stubbs responded via email I am hoping we are able to review/update the ECCE 1112 course during the next cohort of the OTT but we do not have a course for 1113 yet.

** You can use the same link from one Blackboard Collaborate Session in your other courses. This is helpful for creating office hours.

- Responses to “Are there any talks about if practicum should be offered in summer or conversations about pushing it back to the fall.”
 - Savannah Tech: Practicum hours are done via the school system so they will not be able to complete their hours during the summer. They will probably wait until fall. They have some students that will be able to complete their practicum hours and internship hours between now and when they will be able to get back on site, if they don’t have access to children. Some centers have gone online and students are still employed 40 hours per week at those centers.
 - Southeastern Tech: They are offering practicum only during the summer.
 - Columbus Tech: They are planning to offer both practicum and internship during the summer. They are also doing supplementary assignments for some of the hours.
 - Georgia Piedmont: Will not be doing internship in the summer. Practicum will do lecture component initially and then use the last portion of the summer to complete the practicum hours.
 - Georgia Northwestern: Will not do internship or practicum in the summer. They do not typically do either in the summer so no changes.
 - Chattahoochee: Will conduct practicum and internship in the summer
 - North GA Tech: Do not offer practicum or internship in the summer
 - Wiregrass: Deciding case by case basis. Some students have completed most of the assignments and are using the course competencies to create course plans and are using their portfolio and observations to document where the student has addressed each competency. If they are able to they substitute in the project otherwise they are giving an extension into the summer.
 - Lanier Tech: Has not made a decision about summer. They typically only offer practicum and not internship.
 - South Georgia Tech Americus: Offer practicum only. Maybe start online and hope they can go out to site for observation at the end of the summer
 - Gwinnett Tech will not be offering Practicum this summer. They never offer internship in the summer. They are dealing with an equity issue. Some student were able to get their CPR certificate while others were not. Some students were also not able or comfortable with getting their finger prints taken. This is bumping graduation dates back for some students and they are looking for suggestions/ solutions.



- West Georgia Tech is not offering it this summer
- Lanier Tech is on standby with 1121 but we are leaning towards moving towards fall
- SCTC is pushing both classes back to fall
- Could students not be allowed to take an elective instead of a practicum course?
 - In the past students were able to take EMPL 1000 in place of practicum. The IFCC decided to remove this option and it is no longer listed in KMS as an option.
 - Some colleges had the EMPL 1000 on their catalogue as an option and were in the process of getting this removed.
 - Wiregrass noticed that mainly dual enrollment students are using this option.
 - SCTC We offer EMPL 1000 in place of practicum
- Is everyone giving In Progress or Incomplete grades for students who did not complete the First Aid and CPR?
 - We have already assigned the In Progress grades for these students.
 - Gwinnett Tech will be assigning Incompletes for 1105
 - SCTC is assigning incompletes for CPR
 - Other colleges are extending their incomplete window
- Some colleges are extending the incomplete window to assist with allowing students to finish requirements of their courses into the fall to allow students that would not normally attend summer would have the option of completing the course work in the fall.
- CPR training options:
 - The American Heart Association was offering a solution of streaming videos online to assist with completion of the CPR training. Once on campus skills checks can be done.
 - Faithful Gardens is looking at streaming options as well.
 - OTC is allowing their students complete Heartsaver course online and come in for a skills check off no more than 5 students at a time.
 - Other colleges are allowing students to take CPR training at their choice of locations or offering an incomplete
 - Be sure to check with your site to determine if they allow virtual CPR certification as a possible option during this time.
- Some are delaying the start of summer until the end of May. This late start date will allow students that need to complete their CPR training an opportunity to do so during the summer term. With the assumption of being able to be back on campus at that time.
- Be sure to check with your local VPSA on what their decision is as far as summer starts and the use of incompletes or in progress grades.
- There is also a concern over summer enrollment.
 - Students are not happy with the delivery mode and are not interested in taking the courses online.
- For 2116 In lieu of actual fieldtrips to Tibey Islands, virtual fieldtrips will be used. Research and PowerPoint presentation will be used as a follow up. We are using virtual field trips in 1113 which is fantastic. BFTS offers daily links which is very helpful!



- For reading aloud they are using eBooks and reading aloud or critiquing YouTube videos of individual reading where the books are already recorded or someone else is reading them. The student are critiquing their book positioning, voice inflection, pronunciation, vocabulary, etc.
- Sherry offered assistance with Blackboard Collaborate. Feel free to reach out for assistance.
- Students are grateful for posted videos on Collaborate.
- Some instructors are allowed on campus to make video lectures others are not allowed on campus.
- For issues concerning resources to make presentations where students would normally use school resources they are drawing and coloring best they can and creating a shopping list of materials of what they would use in the presentation.
- Central Georgia Tech FlipGrid: <https://info.flipgrid.com/> A way to do interactive discussion boards/ presentation.
- Some faculty members are having some issues with collaborate. Here are some helpful tips and institutions to reference for additional assistance.
 - Lanier Tech has been using it well. Some issues with streaming videos. They are using the drop box to have students submit video presentation and then the instructor upload them has helped.
 - Central GA Tech: Using Collaborate within the Blackboard structure using Firefox has worked or them.
 - Separate sections of collaborate portions of collaborate sections
 - Creating an open Session for office hours through Blackboard collaborate. One link for each class that can be placed into
 - Savannah Tech: Has had success using collaborate
 - Collaborate works best in Chrome or Firefox
 - Keep videos to 10 minutes or less
 - Some faculty members are using WebEx
 - You can use the same link from one Blackboard Collaborate Session in your other courses. This is helpful for creating office hours.
- Student assignment submission help
 - Taking a picture and uploading it is sometimes easier for a student as opposed to uploading the actual assignment if they do not have scanners.
 - Students are posting presentations on TeacherTube or YouTube
 - Have students do YouTube video and have them save them to a private channel.
 - LTC: Students are posting ppt presentations and pictures of projects. Instructors then upload the projects on Collaborate. The students share their own work. Collaborate has been a great success for us.
 - Virtual meeting
 - West Georgia Tech instructors have met virtually with students for lectures, assignment explanations and advising.
- Issues:
 - Internet Connectivity
 - Trying to hold synchronous classes with collaborate
 - Students being unable to upload assignments



- Lack of computer access
- Struggles with the technology, assignments and pace
- Lanier Tech is offering private collaborate sessions to offer the face to face assistance and connection with the instructor.

Other resources:

- Conscious Discipline Website has free 90 day access to their webinars. They have webinar series that we are using for a couple alternate assignments in 1105 and 2203 – GTC
- Gwinnett Tech is also using some Cox Campus training modules as options
- Weekly motivation for the students is welcomed more than ever!
- edWeb.net has great webinars that will give a CE for completing a test at the end.
- YouTube videos as well as iPhone movie maker is helpful for the students as well.