Expanding the NEST* is a menu of 25 easy to use, evidence-based practices for educators to cultivate student success. These practices are connected to areas within the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

CETL acknowledges this is not an all-inclusive list. The suggested practices are intended as a menu, and we do not expect faculty to implement all 25 practices. On the other hand, many of us already use some of these practices. This document may serve to validate beneficial practices around cultivating student success that you are already using, while also offering new suggestions.

Connected with this menu of practices, educators can document the practices they engage in to be recognized at our inaugural Celebration of Teaching Day. Please see the table below to see which level you aspire to attain this semester, check out this resource, and identify the practices you plan to implement to meet your goal level.

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WELCOME, NEW FACULTY!

On August 5th and 6th, CETL welcomed over 250 new faculty to Kennesaw State University at New Faculty Orientation (NFO). This was a university-wide effort including the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Faculty Affairs, Event and Venue Management, and over 20 campus partners who presented content and provided resources for the success of our new faculty.

This year, our V.I.T.A.L. (particularly our part-time and limited-term) faculty also had the option to attend NFO online. With this option, we saw a 25% increase in our participation from last year.

At CETL, we believe faculty success is student success. Faculty onboarding does not happen in two days or even a week. To help set our faculty up for success, we are offering a yearlong series to provide timely training for faculty. All faculty are invited to attend the following hybrid sessions with registration opening soon.

**Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course**
Tuesday, Aug. 27 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Getting to Know Our KSU Students**
Thursday, Sept. 12 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Accessing & Navigating uHoo Analytics**
Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Wellbeing@KSU**
Monday, Oct. 21 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Celebrate Teaching Day & James Lang**
Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
University Rooms, Kennesaw Campus

**Data Interpretation & Use of uHoo for Your Annual Review**
Friday, Dec. 6 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
We invite you to attend the **2024 SoTL Summit virtual conference**! Join us for more than 150 peer-reviewed and invited sessions showcasing SoTL research and scholarly teaching innovations.

This year, registration is **free** for all KSU faculty, staff, and students. You must register with your KSU email address for the free registration.

As mentioned in *Taking Flight (Kennesaw State University's Strategic Plan)*, we aim to “become a leader in the scholarship of teaching and learning” (Goal #1 within *Foster Pedagogical Innovation and Inquiry*). Attending the SoTL Summit can inspire you to engage in a SoTL study of your own.

**Bonus:** as a registrant, you will have the opportunity to return to the program after the conference to view sessions you missed.

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**FACULTY POSTER PRINTING SERVICE**

CETL is excited to announce a new service for KSU faculty. If you are a KSU Faculty member presenting a poster at an academic conference, you can request one (1) 36" x 48" poster to be printed free of charge from CETL.

Please provide a minimum of five (5) business days for printing.

For more information on our procedures and the request form, please visit this [webpage](#).
Every month, we will be spotlighting one of the practices for cultivating student success. This is meant to provide tips for implementing the practice.

This month, we are spotlighting:

#8: Use KSU’s uHoo Analytics to monitor students’ progress so you can take evidence-based actions to support them

uHoo is KSU’s new learning analytics tool that helps you visualize and uncover existing patterns in your D2L data. It’s a great tool for promoting student success, allowing you to review frequently missed quiz items, see patterns of student attendance, quickly identify students who need extra help, and more. It can also be a great source of data for your SoTL project. To opt in, please visit the uHoo Analytics website. To learn more, see this presentation about how uHoo can help you document student success.

There are also a number of professional development opportunities to enhance your knowledge of uHoo Analytics including micro-credentials you can earn. Please visit this website to learn more about the micro-credentials.

CETL is partnering with Digital Learning Innovations to provide additional training opportunities throughout the semester. Registration will be open soon. You can subscribe to our CETL listserv by emailing CETL-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@list.kennesaw.edu from your KSU email account.

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Upcoming Events

Come join CETL for opportunities to grow and connect with others here at Kennesaw State University. All of our events can be found on this website. Below is a list of upcoming events and deadlines. Please remember our registration process is now handled through OwlTrain. If you have any questions, please email us at cetl@kennesaw.edu

**Building Rapport: Faculty-Student Interactions that Improve Connection**
Monday, Aug. 19
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Webinar

**Creating Your Individual Development Plan as a Graduate Student**
Wednesday, Aug. 21
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Academic Learning Center

**Design Your SoTL Project with Hopscotch**
Tuesday, Aug. 20
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
CETL House

**Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave Application Workshop**
Thursday, Aug. 29
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Webinar

Ongoing Events | Mutual Mentoring Groups (MMG) + More

**BIPOC MMG - Kick-Off**
Tuesday, Aug. 20
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid

**Write Here, Write Now**
Wednesday, Aug. 21
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid

**Early Career Lecturers MMG - Kick-Off**
Thursday, Aug. 22
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Hybrid

**Chairs and Directors MMG**
Friday, Aug. 23
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid

**Pre-Tenure MMG**
Monday, Aug. 26
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Online

**Save the Date - Celebration of Teaching Day & James Lang**
Nov. 20
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
An event designed to elevate and amplify teaching practices and recognize faculty as they cultivate student success at KSU

**Upcoming Deadlines**

**SoTL Conference Presentation Funds**
Deadline: Aug. 19 @ 11:59pm

**Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave**
Deadline: Oct. 1 @ 11:59pm