

Kankakee Community College

Corporate and Continuing Education

Workshop Title: Greening Your Curriculum

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Workshop Overview: The Greening Your Curriculum workshop will include discussions of key books and articles on global and local sustainability, analyzing environmental issues, and the creation of course projects and activities. The Capstone Project and the one face-to-face class meeting will provide an opportunity for faculty to share ideas with colleagues, identify the connections between their discipline and sustainability and to reflect on the changes they plan to make in their teaching.

Throughout the workshop, participants will be given resources for thinking about sustainability and environmental issues in readings and/or assignments. Participants will be asked to develop an activity or teaching problem for a specific course. This workshop is suitable for faculty who are "testing the waters" of sustainability in the curriculum and those interested in revising existing projects.

Workshop Outcomes and Expectations

1. Define key concepts of environmental issues, learning sustainability in the local context, green economy, and social equity implications of sustainability.
2. Discuss sustainability issues and foster collaboration and multidisciplinary approaches for infusing sustainability and green economy concepts into existing curricula.
3. Create an understanding of sustainability, to develop critical and systems thinking skills to contribute to the social, environmental, and economic welfare of local and global communities.

Workshop Module Overview

Module	Title	Upon completion of the materials, participants will be able to:
Module One	Setting the Stage for Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define sustainability. • Compare sustainability tenets to a specific course learning activity.
Module Two	Developing Ecological Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze how human actions impact a variety of Earth life support systems and how social and economic systems are impacted by environmental degradation. • Facilitate dialogue about systems thinking, the interconnectedness of environmental systems, and human impacts on these systems.
Module Three	Social Equity and Environmental Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define social justice. • Analyze the role of corporations in the efforts of sustainability.
Module Four	The Emerging Green Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine employment opportunities in the emerging economies. • Reflect on the changing economy and how it relates to industry.

Module Five

A Call to Action: Implementation

- **Create a classroom assessment strategy that relates to workshop topics.**

Completion of the Workshop

After interacting in the discussions and module assignments, a culminating workshop assessment, entitled the Capstone Project, challenges participants to determine about “how” they will share the information with their students. Using the key concepts and resources, the Capstone Project is an opportunity for faculty to expand their curriculum and challenge students to critically think about the world around them.