



2025 FCTL SUMMER INSTITUTE GEP TRACK



The *Sharing and Caring* track invites UCF faculty to collaborate and enhance General Education Program (GEP) courses to better support students. This year's sessions focus on practical solutions, meaningful partnerships, and proven methods to improve teaching and learning. These sessions are designed to provide participants with strategies to make tangible differences in the classroom and beyond.

Monday, May 5

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Track Meeting: General Education: State of the State

Facilitator: Wayne Bowen

Status: Open

An update on statewide changes to General Education, the annual review of the GEP by the UCF Board of Trustees, UCF's processes to support these requirements, and opportunities to propose changes to our GEP.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Steal My Idea!

Facilitator: Amanda Pacheco

Status: Open

Great ideas deserve to be shared! This session highlights lessons, activities, and classroom management techniques that have transformed courses across disciplines. From creative classroom projects to innovative technology uses, participants will be equipped with practical tools to apply immediately.

Tuesday, May 6

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Campus Connections: Nonprofit Showcase

Facilitator: Adam Parrish

Status: Open

Service learning creates opportunities to connect students with real-world experiences, and the right partnerships can make all the difference. This showcase features nonprofit organizations and faculty who have successfully collaborated on meaningful projects. Participants will gain insight into these partnerships, explore opportunities for future collaborations, and leave with actionable strategies for integrating service learning into their courses.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Curriculum in Action: Pathways to Student Success

Facilitator: Lori-Dunlop-Pyle

Status: Open

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Wednesday, May 7

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Building Community in Large Online Classes

Facilitator: Carolyn Massiah

Status: Open

Large online courses present unique challenges in fostering engagement, but intentional strategies can create meaningful connections. Experts will share proven techniques for building community, supporting diverse learners, and leveraging technology to improve the online learning experience. Participants will leave with practical tools to enhance student engagement in large-scale virtual classrooms.

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Track Meeting: Looking Back, Moving Forward

Facilitator: Wayne Bowen

Status: Open

This meeting provides time to reflect on insights from this track and the institute as a whole. Participants will review key takeaways, share lessons learned, and plan for the 2025-2026 academic year, focusing on practical strategies to enhance teaching, learning, and student support in GEP courses.