WHAT FACULTY ARE SAYING

Testimonials

“My ACUE instruction reinforced the importance of establishing learning objectives and designing learning-centered assignments which provide a clear path to success. In each module, I was able to identify ways to better support student learning both in traditional and virtual settings. An emphasis on developing life-long learners was evident.”

-Elizabeth Kennedy, Director, University Advising Services

“In 2020-2021, I completed ACUE’s “Effective Teaching Practices” course. In 2023, I completed “Inspiring Inquiry and Lifelong Learning in Your Online Course” and “Promoting Active Learning Online”. I teach courses in FAU’s Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering, including Introduction to Pollution Prevention and Sustainability (ENV 4072), and Environmental Science and Engineering (ENV 3001C).

My FAU teaching contributions have been recognized by the 2021 Junior Faculty Teaching Award for FAU’s College of Engineering & Computer Science, the 2022 FAU’s Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching Award, and the 2022 STEM Educator Award by The Engineers’ Council.

I believe the best teachers never stop learning. Education is more than earning the degrees. It is the recognition that there is always more to think about and another path to consider. ACUE courses helped me enhance my online teaching skills and learn about instructional methods to improve student achievement, close equity gaps, and promote student engagement and persistence.”

-Masoud Jahandar Lashaki, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering
“I want to say that I am an experienced instructor with more than 25 years of teaching experience, with 16 of those years at FAU. However, I realize every day that there is always room for improvement. That realization became more apparent to me after I received ACUE certification in Effective College Instruction. I incorporated many teaching and assessment methods and pedagogy that I learned in those ACUE courses in my classes. I believe that the most effective and exemplary teaching practice that I have incorporated is the use of real data and simulated real life experiences that engages students’ participation with each other and the course and teaches the students practical skills beyond learning concept given in the course. Completion of ACUE courses was specifically helpful in my online teaching, which requires an additional effort to engage students. I was recognized for effective online teaching with the 2023 FAU Online Faculty Award.”

-Anna Agapova, Ph.D., Associate Professor, College of Business

“What I enjoyed the most about the ACUE courses was that each course gave you a chance to take what you were learning and apply it directly to a course you were currently teaching. In a sense it was a form of experiential learning because I was able to test out new research-based pedagogical approaches in my courses and not only get feedback from my students but also my fellow faculty members in the course.

The other things I enjoyed about the ACUE courses was the ability to take classes with my fellow FAU faculty members. The weekly discussion boards in each course not only allowed me to build more collegiality amongst my FAU colleagues but it also allowed me to learn some of their best practices & new approaches. Overall, if you are interested in improving student engagement and success in any of your courses, I would highly encourage you to take one or all 4 of the ACUE courses FAU has to offer. You won’t be disappointed, and neither will your students.”

-Jonathan Sweet, Ph.D. Senior Instructor, FAU College of Business