CTLE Newsletter April 2025

Call for Proposals

The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence is excited to announce Fall 2025 Faculty Development Day, Next-Gen Teaching: Enhancing Course Design, Teaching, and Learning.

Whether you are refining existing courses, building new ones, or exploring innovative ways of teaching and supporting students, this event offers a valuable opportunity to learn from and collaborate with your colleagues. The CTLE would like to extend the opportunity to submit a proposal for the upcoming Faculty Development Day event.

Date: August 20, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Location: In-person at university campus

Proposal Deadline is Monday, April 28, 2025 <u>Submit a Proposal</u> For more information, visit the Faculty Development Day Fall 2025 page on our website to view a complete list of themed tracks. For questions, please contact the CTLE at ctle@saintleo.edu



Teaching Tip: Reignite Engagement with a Design Sprint!

Noticing your students tuning out, struggling with tough concepts, or giving lackluster peer feedback? It's time to shake things up with a Design Sprint! A design sprint is a fast-paced, collaborative process that helps students tackle complex problems, spark creativity, and test ideas in a structured, time-boxed format.

Here's how to run one in ANY subject area:

- Group up students and present a challenge or problem.
- Set clear objectives and emphasize quick, focused thinking—this is a sprint, not a marathon!

Then, move through these 5 rapid-fire phases:

- Brainstorm potential solutions.
- Select the best idea and create a draft.
- Develop a prototype of the chosen solution.
- Test & gather feedback from other groups. <
- Refine & iterate based on insights.

Why it works: Design sprints build problem-solving skills, foster collaboration, and make learning ACTIVE. Plus, students get hands-on experience with real-world innovation!

Every Tuesday!!

Learn something new in minutes with our Tech Tip Tuesday videos!



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