Online Adjunct Faculty Resource Center
Offers New Resources

Over the past year, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana has developed the On-Line Adjunct Faculty Resource Center to serve as a central point for accessing on-line tools and resources geared towards adjunct faculty. The on-line center is accessible through the Faculty Services Tab within Campus Connect and contains items such as the Adjunct Faculty Handbook, Adjunct Faculty Resource Guide, newsletters, and links to external websites dedicated to teaching and learning.

These sites are accessible by clicking on the Helpful Links icon in the resource center and include sites such as the Honolulu Community College’s Teaching Tips, Ivy Tech’s Virtual Library, Ivy Tech’s Professional Resources for Teaching and Learning, and the Applied Math and Science Education Repository (AMSER).

In September, the College received permission to link with Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL). By using this website, adjunct faculty will be able to access over 200 resources that include APA and MLA style guides, research, and tools that can be used to help develop their writing skills.

Special thanks to the Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL) staff for their willingness to partner with us!

The League for Innovation’s I-STREAM

Using funds available through the Lilly Endowment’s Grant to Recruit and Retain Intellectual Capital, Ivy Tech is able to provide all faculty, staff, and students access to the League for Innovation’s I-STREAM service.

I-STREAM is a web-based resource and professional development tool that serves as a portal to thousands of resources used by educators and students. Access to resources such as books, monographs, publications, streaming videos, and downloadable video podcasts for student use are available through the site.

To access I-STREAM go to http://www.league.org/istreamsite/ and click on the CREATE YOUR ISTREAM ACCOUNT button. You must use your Ivy Tech e-mail address to access this service.
Recently, Follett Higher Education Group began operating the bookstores located on Ivy Tech’s campuses. This move was made to provide outstanding service and access to affordable text books, educational resources, and supplies for our students. As part of the College’s agreement with Follett, all employees are eligible for an employee discount on selected items. Specifically, a 10% discount will be provided to all faculty and staff on all purchases over $1.00, excluding textbooks, sale merchandise, and academically discounted software.

Ivy Tech recognizes the importance and value that adjunct faculty bring to the institution, therefore adjunct faculty are eligible for certain, limited employment benefits. Adjunct faculty members may choose to participate in one or both of the College’s tax-deferred voluntary retirement plans. Our tax-deferred plans, the 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA) and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (457), allow you to contribute money toward your retirement on a pre-tax basis. You decide how much money per paycheck that you want to contribute. The College will deduct that amount before taxes are taken out. That amount is then invested, in the manner you choose, where it grows into a supplemental retirement benefit for you. You may direct your contributions to either AUL/OneAmerica or TIAA-CREF. Please see your regional Human Resources Department for more information on these plans and/or the paperwork necessary to enroll.

Transitioning to a new position or a new campus can be as equally challenging for adjunct faculty members as it is for new students. In an attempt to provide a supportive and helpful environment, each campus will make available the opportunity to participate in a mentoring program beginning in the fall 2008 semester.

Newly hired adjunct faculty will be provided the opportunity to be paired with an individual or a small group of faculty who are knowledgeable about College policies and processes and who can lend support, guidance, feedback, and be available to help answer any questions that may arise over the course of the semester.

Individuals interested in being paired with a mentor, should contact their campuses’ Adjunct Faculty Coordinator for more information.