

## Writing for the Real World: Strengthening Writing and Career Knowledge

### *CT&D Continues With Writing to Learn Training*

During the Fall 2015 Semester, faculty from multiple disciplines took advantage of the “Writing to Learn Strategies” seminar held in September. Participants in this session learned skills associated with “low” and “high” stakes writing that can be incorporated into courses offered at Miami Dade College. Faculty attending shared writing opportunities currently in place in their courses and participated in an open discussion on writing enhancements to be implemented. This seminar is slated to be repeated during the upcoming 2016 Professional Development Day in February. Although the current training efforts continue to be focused on the School of Justice faculty, QEP-related training provides the opportunity for all MDC faculty to participate. Faculty are encouraged to take advantage of this training as many sessions provide Professional Development Credit. Faculty are encouraged to take advantage of this training as many sessions do provide Professional Development Credit. During the upcoming Spring and Summer Semesters, CT&D will develop and implement Writing to Learn sessions for adjunct faculty. Watch for CT&D announcements for upcoming training opportunities you can participate in to promote the writing culture at Miami Dade College.

### *Writing Support in Place*

To support writing for students, full-time Writing Coaches and part-time Writing Assistants are in place at the North and Hialeah Campus. Located in the Learning Resources area of these campuses, these individuals have been providing writing support both inside and outside of the classroom for students enrolled in School of Justice courses. The services provided by the Writing Coaches and Assistants are available to all students at Miami Dade College. Encourage students to take advantage of this great opportunity to strengthen their writing skills as they progress through their educational endeavors at Miami Dade College. Additional writing support will be provided on other campuses as the QEP infusion continues over the next five years.

### *QEP Continues Its Forward Momentum*

The **School of Justice** began the infusion of QEP components this Fall with the incorporation of e-portfolio and writing prompts into QEP designated courses. Additionally, embedded writing support has been integrated into these courses. Faculty from the School of Justice have initiated their QEP assessment process with the scoring of student writing prompts utilizing the QEP Writing Assessment Rubric.

The QEP Development Team for the **School of Business** continues their work with the identification of courses that will be recommended for the QEP-COP designation. Current efforts to accomplish this endeavor include the surveying of all full-time faculty in the School of Business on potential courses under consideration for this designation. Recommendations from the team will be shared with the various discipline conveners and faculty in the School of Business as they continue their work.

### *What's to Come...*

- The School of Justice will continue the infusion of QEP components into the remaining QEP-COP designated courses during the Spring Semester.
- Assessment measures will continue that support the evaluation process for the five-year QEP process.
- During the Spring Semester, the School of Business QEP Development Team will complete their work with the identification of the degree(s) and courses for the infusion of QEP components.

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