

Executive Summary

Jumpstart to Successful Instruction: A Deeper Dive into an Accelerated Course for New Instructors

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USC-MERLOT's SkillsCommons' *Jumpstart to Successful Instruction: Industry Experts to Expert Instructors (IE2EI)* course provides free, modularized, faculty development materials that can be viewed by individuals, imported into a college's learning management system, added as a supplement to an existing faculty development plan, or used in face-to-face professional development classes.

This webinar introduces participants to interactive modules designed to help industry experts improve their classroom teaching skills. The webinar familiarizes participants with the content available on IE2EI and demonstrates how IE2EI's interactive modules focus on essential teaching skills, which can help reduce anxiety for instructors new to teaching.

[Rick Lumadue](#), the Associate Director of California State University's SkillsCommons project, and [Brenda Perea](#) and [Jenn Gutierrez](#), SkillsCommons IMPACT *community* ambassadors, show several interactive modules in the series and explain how teachers can benefit from the self-paced, interactive format of the modules and their course content. Topics covered include how to prepare for the first day of class, what consistent communication skills can look like between instructors and students, how to write an effective syllabus, and the "ins and outs" of fair and balanced assessment.

The presenters answer questions from the audience, covering additional topics including digital badging, use of the modules by institutions outside of the higher education system, instructor assessment, and the time it takes to complete the module series.

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