SECONDARY/POST-SECONDARY COLLABORATION IN OER CREATION

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CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE (CLC) PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND ACCESS TO LEARNERS STILL ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL. HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS COLLABORATE WITH COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS TO OFFER COLLEGE COURSES IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS IN THE CIS PROGRAM

CIS Instructors attend an orientation workshop at the beginning of the year to: Review the roles and responsibilities, Become familiar with the syllabus requirements, Learn about the college-wide and classroom assessment expectations, Learn about the policies and procedures for the college systems. CIS Instructors are required to maintain approved course syllabi at the beginning of each semester or year that is in alignment with the equivalent CLC course syllabus. During the course, the CIS Instructor reviews students’ handbooks with students, reviews class lists for proper registration, submits student grades, communicates with the CIS Collaborator and attends other professional development activities.

COLLEGE COLLABORATORS IN THE CIS PROGRAM

CLC faculty serve as CIS Collaborators to provide ongoing support to the high school instructors. The role of the CIS Collaborator is to: Assist with CIS Instructor credential reviews and professional development plans and opportunities, make classroom observations, provide teaching resources, and communicating in multiple ways, ensure that the CIS course demonstrates the same content, learning, environment, assessment, and pedagogy as CLC college courses, maintain contact with CIS Instructors throughout the year, by phone, e-mail, or personal visits, as needed, to support their teaching of Central Lake College’s CIS course, and visit CIS Instructors in their classrooms a minimum of once during the term for a repeated course and a minimum of twice if it is a new CIS course and/or instructor.

COLLABORATION TO DEVELOP TWO OER.

Grant to Redesign the OER for Critical Literacy and offer as a College Course in Area High Schools

Overwrite course of 6 months, Kate Porter (CLC Reading Instructor), Danny Mitchell (English Teacher at Frazee Public High School) and Lori-Beth Larsen (CLC Reading Instructor) met to redesign the OER.

Currently, Critical Literacy is being offered at Staples-Middle High School taught by Sarah Diano with Lori-Beth Larsen as college collaborator.
At the end of Spring semester 2021, we'll be taking a look at both the Critical Literacy and Global Studies courses to understand what changes might need to be made to the OER. We hope to expand offerings of these CIS courses.

It has been wonderful to work together with high school instructors. The perspectives that we all bring to the table enrich the OER.