

Faculty Development – Investment in Education Seminar



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On September 4 and 5, 2008, full-time English instructor, Mike Hickey and 14 additional faculty from South Seattle Community College participated in a Pacific Institute seminar, “Investment in Excellence.”

The seminar, facilitated by Pacific Institute personnel, promotes positive thinking and cognitive effectiveness derived from evidence-based training. It seeks to recognize and maximize human potential as noted in their Mission Statement below:

The instructors who participated in the seminar use the techniques they learned for classroom application with students in a myriad of ways including: motivation, affirmations, visualization, goal setting, time management, eliminating negative self-talk, and providing positive feedback. The techniques have also been useful for small group interaction between students. In addition to the impact the training continues to have on teaching styles and student interaction, the program has also be vital in the process of assessment, accreditation, and developing/maintaining productive relationships with administration, faculty colleagues, and staff.

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