

**Professional Learning Activities of English Faculty  
2017-2019**

1. AB705 Workshops: Last year we offered 8 workshops dealing with four areas of pedagogy to align with the Writing Program Administrators (WPA) standards and comply with AB705 (15-25 Instructors attended each workshop); these will be offered again this year in slightly different iterations:
  - Relevant, thinking-oriented courses
    - Themed Classes
    - Backwards Design with Scaffolded Assignments
    - Low-stakes writing
    - Collaborative practice
    - Just-in-time remediation
  - Corequisite Instruction
    - Use of embedded tutors, SI
    - Extra hour of student-centered instruction
  - Syllabus building in the new AB705-influenced classes
    - 6 hour collaborative retreat with f/t and p/t instructors
  - Addressing Students' Affective Needs
    - Using Starfish Early Alert
    - Rethinking "laziness"
    - Getting all students involved
    - Use of "small teaching" techniques
2. Conference/Professional Development Attendance
  - California Acceleration Project
    - 10 current instructors attended at least 1 CAP conference
  - Reading Apprenticeship
    - 5 current p/t, f/t instructors taking or have taken classes
  - AVID
    - 2 current instructors attended summer institute
3. Curriculum
  - English 010 redesigned to align with WPA suggestions
  - Dramatic reduction in "basic writing" courses. Required educating instructors out of "basic writing" thinking: from "deficit-model" instruction to more "explicit-model" practices.
  - English 917, 918 co-requisite labs built to replace basic writing courses
  - Reading program turned into voluntary non-credit courses while we work to increase reading volume in composition courses--concurrently working on educating faculty in reading instruction strategies and offering NC support classes for students who struggle in new college-level placement
4. Placement

- Developed new AB705-aligned placement guidelines with department faculty: 85% of students now place directly into stand-alone college-level English