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***Foundations for Learning***  
Pilot First-Year Course  
to  
Improve Critical and Creative Thinking and Student Success  
GSD 101 / Fall 2008  
Instructor Application Form

GSD 101, *Foundations for Learning*, is a new, three-credit hour pilot course to provide foundation knowledge and skills in critical and creative thinking and to increase success and persistence of first year ECU students. Instructors are currently being recruited to teach 20 sections (25 student capacity per section) in Fall 2008 and become part of the *Foundations for Learning Instructor Team*. Please visit <http://www.universityprograms.ecu.edu/QEPcourse/> to learn more about the course.

Full-time tenured faculty, professional staff with a master's degree and teaching experience and adjunct (including part-time) instructors are being sought for these positions at the standard pay rate per ECU policy for teaching a course. Each instructor will receive compensation as overload or adjunct pay or the academic department will be reimbursed for reassigned time, commensurate with ECU policies and procedures.

*Benefits for instructors include:*

- Engaging at the grass-roots level in helping to create a new, intentionally-designed first-year foundational curriculum to improve student learning, better prepare students for college and life, and improve student retention.
- Gaining a better understanding of ECU's first-year students.
- Helping new students transition to the ECU college environment and experiencing the joy of developing special and enduring relationships with students.
- Enhancing, improving, and invigorating the teaching experience through innovative pedagogy and instructional strategies that can impact all courses.
- Building professional partnerships and camaraderie across different disciplines and divisions—enhancing a stronger sense of community.
- Earning a stipend for professional development and overload or reassigned pay for teaching the course.

*Expectations of instructors include:*

- Participating in the *Foundations for Learning Instructor Team*, beginning in spring 2008.
- Meeting regularly with the *Instructor Team* to develop the course, share instructional methods and resources, develop common assessment items that address the core learning objectives, and to continually evaluate and critique the course outcomes.
- Participating in professional development during the week of May 12-16, 2008 (for a stipend).
- Developing individual course over the summer of 2008.
- Teaching a section of GSD 101 in Fall 2008.

***Apply today to be considered for this exciting new initiative to build foundational skills and success for new ECU students!***

### GSD 101 Application Form

Name	Campus Phone
EKU Email Address:	
Check your status: FT, Tenure-track Faculty____ Lecturer____ Adjunct Faculty____ Professional Staff____	
Indicate the highest level of education you have earned:	
Describe your experiences teaching first-year students:	
Explain why teaching this course interests you and what you hope to gain from the experience:	
Who is your Department Chair or Supervisor?	
Is your Chair or Department Head aware of your application to teach this course? Yes___ No___	
Signature:	Date:
Please submit the application form to:	
University Programs/GSD 101 Course	
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