Updates & News for April 2012

The Center hopes you had an excellent and fun spring break. Welcome back! The Center has a number of events, professional development training, degree/certificate reviews for you and your colleagues. Except for the Mobile Applications course, there is no cost affiliated with the other two events or the reviews:

- There are two seats left for the Absolutely Mobile: Developing Applications. Registration is open until Friday, April 6, 2012, and will be closed sooner if those two seats are taken. [Register here.](#)
- Careers in IT: The Real Story, Wednesday, April 18, 2012 hosted at Bellevue College (register now!) Clock hours and bus/substitute teacher subsidies available. View the program [here.](#) **Note:** We have approximately 30 seats open for Careers in IT, so please register by Friday, April 6th, as registration will be closed after that.
- **Degree/certificate reviews:** Application submission deadline extended to [Friday, April 13, 2012](#) (Reviews and Report :May/June 2012)
- The [IT Futures Summit at Microsoft](#) (Friday, May 18, 2012)
- **STEM Summit** video, PowerPoint presentations, and STEM curriculum development modules are now available for [viewing.](#)

Absolutely Mobile: Developing Applications
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The second professional development opportunity in this series is: Absolutely Mobile
Friday/Saturday, April 20/21, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Friday) and 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Saturday), Bellevue College. Register here.

What do you get for the $125 registration fee?
- Two-days of excellent instruction from Charlie Calvert, a Bellevue College Computer Science Instructor, and former Community Program Manager at Microsoft Corporation
- Breakfast, lunch, and a p.m. snack
- Curricular materials as well as textbook(s)
- An exciting give-away opportunity
- Note: Clock hours are available for our K-12 educators.

Faculty Audience: All disciplines

Prerequisites: Attendees should have basic understanding of using computer software, some experience writing code, whether it is creating simple HTML or XML documents, working with scripting languages, or working with strongly typed, general purpose languages such as C# or Java. You are welcome to attend even if you don’t have this kind of background, but you should be prepared to feel a bit at sea from time to time. You should do well if you can browse the web, handle email, and work with Office documents, such as Word and Excel.

Find out more here.

Careers in IT: The Real Story

Are your students curious about Information Technology (IT) or do they think IT is only for geeks? Do they think offshore outsourcing has eliminated all high paying technology jobs in the United States? Do your students believe they don’t have the computer skills, technical competence or aptitude to do well in the information technology sector? Tell them to think again!

Teachers, faculty, counselors, and career specialists are invited to bring their students to annual Careers in IT: The Real Story to learn how important Information Technology is to their future. This is a free, half-day event. Plan to attend the 6th annual event in the early spring of 2012.
(Wednesday, April 18, 2012). This free half-day event is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the many career options available in Information Technology . . .

Technology touches every job, career, and industry! Technology knowledge is essential to succeed in today’s market. This year’s keynote is Franklin Donahoe, Director, Information Security and Compliance at Costco. View the program here.

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Discover how to get started in a variety of careers including:
- From application tester to gaming, to programming, as well as, gaming, mobile and wireless, to data recovery, and more...
- Information Technology is not just programming! (But, **hint:** software engineering and application development – programming – are two of the most in-demand, and highest paid career pathways)

IT jobs require leadership skills, communication abilities, teamwork and a love for constant challenges! **Note:** Clock hours are available for our K-12 educators.

Register here.

**Information and Computing Technology Degree/Certificate Reviews: Spring 2012**

The Center of Excellence is now accepting up to five IT degrees/certificates from Washington State Community and Technical Colleges for the Spring 2012 quarter for a review session from industry professionals

The Center is now opening up the application process for IT degrees and certificates. Any Washington State CTC can submit one information or computing technology degree or certificate for a two-hour review session by IT industry professionals. This service is offered at no charge to the participating college(s).

The reviews will take place May-June 2012, and reports will be issued to the colleges by June 2012. The reports summarize the recommendations made by the industry review team, as well as provide a high-level workforce trend scan, employment trends if applicable, and possibilities for emerging trends that might impact curricular changes or developments.

Find out more about the process, the history, and access to the application online form.
Please submit your college degree or certificate to Maureen Majury at maureen.majury@bellevuecollege.edu by Friday, April 13, 2012.

IT Futures Summit at Microsoft

Register for the 2012 IT Futures Summit: Friday, May 18, 2012

The Washington State IT Futures Education Summit holds its annual one-day event free event at the Microsoft Corporate Conference Center, (directions to the Center, Building 33), Redmond Washington. Join our technical and workforce development instructors and K-12 educators across our state in discovering new and innovative ways to improve IT education. This event features Microsoft speakers presenting on the new Microsoft initiatives, innovations, and products and subsequently the impacts, challenges, growth, demands of technology as it relates to education.

Register here. (Note: The program is currently in-development, and is subject to change.)

Note: Clock hours are available for our K-12 educators.

2012 STEM Summit: Videos, PowerPoint Presentations, and Curricular Materials

Do you want to see what the educational and industry presenters/panelists discussed and shared about their respective disciplines (aerospace, education, energy, and information and computing technology) and STEM with 142 Washington State educators at the second annual STEM Summit? We have twelve videos for you to view, as well as PowerPoint presentations and nine curricular modules developed by your educator colleagues across Washington State.

The Summit was sponsored by Centers of Excellence in Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Energy, Education, and Information and Computing Technology and hosted at Bellevue College.