About TIEC’s Virtual Exchange Academy

“Fun and engaging virtual exchange curriculum not only equalizes global opportunities, but it has kept students engaged and interested during a critical time.”

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Faculty face many challenges during a first-time virtual exchange course. Therefore, TIEC’s VE Academy is focused on building capacity for Texas faculty and an international partner with coaching infused throughout development and implementation.

What is Virtual Exchange?

Educational institutions use virtual exchange (VE) to cultivate cross-cultural relationships and competencies for students. In the face of COVID-19 and the multitude of challenges it poses to universities worldwide, VE has proven itself a valuable, sustainable, and accessible global learning tool. VE enables students to interdependently learn with peers in other countries through meaningful, facilitated, and collaborative online experiences that are low-cost, widely accessible, and scalable. VE provides opportunities for underserved students to participate in International programs and gain access to global educational experiences.

What’s included?

- Identify the fundamentals of the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) model for virtual exchange.
- Apply appropriate student learning and success outcomes and tools for evaluation.
- Collaborate with an international partner to design VE modules.
- Join an active community of practice of faculty across Texas and the world.
- Investigate various technology options through targeted sessions and ongoing coaching.

TIEC provides downloadable resources such as toolkits, checklists, technology guides, and access to a supportive community to ensure faculty have the tools and resources needed to be sustainable.

Virtual Exchange Resources

- Inside TIEC’s Past Virtual Exchange Program for Nursing in Egypt, Jordan, and Texas
- Stevens Initiative Resources

Learn more at www.tiec.org

For more details, please contact info@tiec.org or visit https://www.tiec.org/virtual-exchange-network/
## Schedule

Two-hour synchronous instruction, asynchronous activities, and one-on-one design coaching organized as follows:

### Week One

**Tuesday**
- Why VE (Overview of Types of Exchanges)
- Technology 101
- Three E's To Success

**Friday**
- Building VE Toolkit: Plan and Collaborate
- Students' Perspective on VE
- Cross-Cultural Communication and Collaboration

### Week Two

**Tuesday**
- Road to Success: Mapping and Planning
- Instructional Design
- Empathy / Perspective

**Friday**
- Cognitive Presence / Critical Thinking
- Partner Planning and Design

### Week Three

**Tuesday**
- Breaking Down Barriers
- Cultural Intelligence

**Friday**
- Assessment

### Week Four

**Tuesday**
- Sustainability

**Friday**
- Design Sharing

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### Costs

- **PAIR**
  - Faculty Pair
  - $1,400
  - 1 Texas Faculty
  - 1 International Faculty

- **BUNDLE**
  - 5 Faculty Pairs
  - $6,300
  - 5 Texas Faculty
  - 5 International Faculty

- **ADD-ON**
  - Additional Service
  - $500
  - International Faculty Pairing Service

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