



“Thank you so much for this opportunity! My sensitivity and awareness have increased a great deal.”

— *Faculty member who attended the 2008 Summer Institute*

## Disability Training Network

*Improving the access, retention and success rates of college students with disabilities through faculty training, innovation and research.*

### Training

The Disability Training Network (DTN) provides a brief introductory training to faculty at new faculty orientations; disseminates quarterly updates on policies, practices and issues; provides instructor-led seminars and self-paced online seminars on topics of importance; and offers train-the-trainer modules to faculty, staff and administrators during Summer Institutes.

### Innovation

To develop teaching innovations, DTN coordinates two activities: 1) Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) where faculty participate in professional development and work with each other to identify and field-test innovative strategies for teaching college students with disabilities; and 2) mini-grants awarded to faculty from different disciplines for developing, testing and disseminating new or applied instructional strategies.

### Research

DTN also focuses on quasi-experimental research to empirically examine the effectiveness of training on faculty competencies in teaching students with disabilities and to examine the effectiveness of implementing certain instructional strategies on student outcomes. Research findings and other project information and materials are widely disseminated.

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