SUNY Broome receives additional funding for open online course

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SUNY Broome was among four SUNY campuses to receive additional grant funds for a massive open online course, or MOOC, through Coursera.

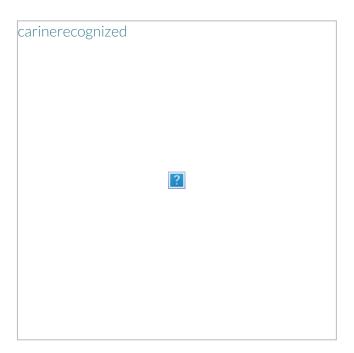
"Foundations for Assisting in Home Care," which received an additional \$20,000 Innovative Instruction Technology Grant, provides instruction about how to better care for homebound patients or family members.

The course became available this summer. In the first few days of registration, learners from almost 40 different countries have signed up, a third of those are from countries with emerging economies, said Dr. Andrea C. Wade, SUNY Broome's Associate Vice President and Dean of Distance Education and Health Sciences during the creation and implementation of the project. Wade recently joined Monroe Community College as Provost and Vice President of Academic Services, but remains involved with the MOOC.

The Phase 2 grant will permit SUNY Broome to convert the current MOOC to an "on-demand" format in Coursera, as well as create a companion Open Educational Resource (OER) textbook, said Erin O'Hara-Leslie, chair of Medical Assisting and Health Studies. The college will also add recruitment and referral resources to the course, which will align with the regional workforce.

"By offering a Home Health Aide course that is open and available to learners across the globe, SUNY Broome Community College has the opportunity to create new pathways for access to prepare students for this career," Wade said. "This MOOC can be used to link learners to formal training programs, employers, and educational institutions, both in our region and beyond."

IITG is a competitive grants program established in 2012 to encourage the development and expansion of innovation as a result of The Power of SUNY strategic plan. The program is open to SUNY faculty and support staff across all disciplines. Grant recipients openly share project outcomes in the SUNY Learning Commons, enabling SUNY colleagues to replicate and build upon every innovation.



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