

Launched in the spring of 2016, the vision and mission of CREATE! are the following:

*The vision of CREATE! is an innovative and dynamic culture of excellence in teaching and learning at Nebraska Methodist College (NMC). In pursuit of this, CREATE's mission is to nurture an environment that provides resources and opportunities for collaboration, pedagogical exploration, and inquiry for faculty, staff, and students.*

In pursuit of these horizons, we have established the following as focus areas for the near-term:

1. Promoting **active teaching and learning strategies** and their associated **learning theories** to facilitate the achievement of course and program outcomes
2. Training on the use of **Backward Design & Universal Design for Learning** course development methods
3. Supporting (but not leading) **Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL) & Evidence-Based Educational Projects**
4. Encouraging the development and use of **formative assessment strategies**, particularly as they relate to providing **high quality feedback**.

Working towards these goals, the following are the types of support systems that we are working to develop.

- **Consultations** on various aspects related to improving learning in your courses
- **Targeted programs and resources** – lunch & learns, Faculty Interest Groups (FIGs), etc.
- Workshops and support on using **evidence-based Educational System Guidelines**
- **Foundational, Intermediate, & Advanced Certificate Programs** that cover various teaching competencies
- Support in developing **Professional Development Plans (PDPs)** based on the Guidelines
- **MyMethodist site** to house tutorials, eLearning modules, links to other resources, etc.
- **Financial support** for the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service
- The **CREATE Space** (Leinart 2001) – computers, headsets, webcams, software, books!

To request these and other kinds of support, please either fill out our [Course Support Request Form](#) or contact us:

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*“Tell me, and I will forget...Show me, and I may remember...But involve me, and then I will know.” – A Common Proverb*