

7 x 7 x 25 Reflective Writing Challenge

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What is the challenge? Well, the Professional Development Committee invite you to create **7** pieces of writing with **25 sentences or more** each week for **7** weeks beginning Week 2 winter quarter (January 12th). Aside from the 25 sentences each week for 7 weeks, the only other rule is that the writing must be about **teaching, learning and student success**. That's a lot of latitude to write about pedagogy, tools, successes, challenges or hopes and dreams.

The short term goal of the challenge is to give faculty, staff and administrators a playful space to share and learn and to see what colleagues are doing on campus and in classes. These writings will also be in a place where new and seasoned Foothill employees can easily access them for years to come. A link to each blog will be posted on the professional development homepage. The long-term goal of the **7 x 7 x 25 Challenge** is to push teachers, staff and administrators to be reflective practitioners in the field of education and share their reflections with colleagues. While the seven weeks of writing may be a start, we hope that some of the participants will continue to write and share their thoughts about the educational landscape.

We will use the internet as a place to write and share the work. Your blog post writings will be compiled on the Foothill College professional development webpage. <http://www.foothill.edu/staff/development/> We will conclude the challenge with a face-to-face reflective forum winter quarter, where participants can share their experiences. Participants who complete all 7 writings will earn **1 unit of PGA credit**.

What about training? We will help you set up your blog and will provide video tutorials for how to set up and start your own blog.

What is in it for you besides sharing your thoughts and ideas with your colleagues? Participants will also be rewarded with a variety of awesome gifts, like a gift card to KJs and other goodies.

So, are you up for the challenge? We know you are busy. We know you already share your ideas at the water cooler. But we challenge you to use sentences as a way to reflect and share your thoughts about teaching, learning, and student success with a broader audience. Imagine if 20 teachers and staff members survive all 7 weeks that would produce 140 pieces of writing from Foothill College professionals about teaching, learning, and higher education! We could use that!

Are you wondering what 25 sentences looks like? Well, you just read them!

This sounds awesome! How do I sign up?

Send an email to express interest to Ben Stefonik
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Credits

The writing challenge was originally conceived by Todd Conway at Yavapai College and curated for Foothill by Carolyn Holcroft.