

# Instructional Technology Program

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The **Instructional Technology (IT)** Program leverages the theory-based design of learning opportunities that maximize the teaching and learning process through a range of technology applications and design experiences. Master's degrees and graduate certificates can be earned in each of the following three program tracks.

- Instructional Design and Development (IDD) - Track One (Master's Degree - Part-time and Full-Time (Immersion) - 30 credits, Graduate Certificate - 15 credits)
- Integration of Technology in Schools (ITS) - Track Two (Master's Degree - 36 credits, Graduate Certificate - 15 credits)
- Assistive/Special Education Technology (A/SET) - Track Three (Master's Degree - 30 credits, Graduate Certificate - 15 credits)

For more information about the Instructional Technology Program visit <http://it.gse.gmu.edu/>

## Announcements

### **EARN AN E-LEARNING CERTIFICATE TOTALLY ONLINE!**

The College of Education and Human Development Instructional Technology Program is offering all of the requirements of the [e-Learning Certificate Program](#) totally online beginning Summer 2007.

- To begin Summer 2007, enroll by March 1, 2007
- To begin Fall 2007, enroll by August 1, 2007

For the schedule of the courses being offered and enrollment information visit <http://it.gse.gmu.edu/index.htm>.

### **GMU's Assistive Technology Certificate's Summer Institute begins May 21st**

The Summer Institute begins with EDSE/EDIT 510: Introduction to Assistive Technology, which is 90% a distance education course. This class is followed by the scheduling of all the elective possibilities which are offered in a condensed fashion throughout July and August. A Certificate in Assistive Technology requires 10 credits of these electives. Each of these elective courses provide a component of distance ed. The final required course for the Certificate is held in the Fall semester. EDSE 610: Designing Adaptive Environments meets face-to-face for a weekend in September. The remaining semester is used to complete a community project. The final class session is during an evening in December. Thus, the entire coursework for the Assistive Technology Certificate can all be completed within 2007. For more information, please contact Cindy George at the Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities - [cgeorge4@gmu.edu](mailto:cgeorge4@gmu.edu). Certificate website: [http://it.gse.gmu.edu/cert\\_at.htm](http://it.gse.gmu.edu/cert_at.htm)



## Announcements *(continued)*

### **Nada traveled to Bangkok**

Dr. Nada Dabbagh gave an invited keynote at the "E-Learning International Conference: Learning Theories vs Technologies" sponsored by Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, on December 16th, 2006. Her keynote was titled "E-Learning: A Transformative Approach to Integrating Theory and Technology". For more information on the conference visit <http://ru-conference.ru.ac.th/index.html>



### **Immersion Student, Allison Czapracki attends the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative Annual Conference**

"The Net Generation." Who are they, and why are they so important in higher education? To find out, I, Allison Czapracki, embarked on a plane to Atlanta, GA to represent George Mason University at the Educause Learning Initiative Annual Meeting themed "Creating a Successful Learning Culture: Connecting Learners, Communities, and Information." Its focus was on enhancing student learning through technology, and many of the sessions emphasized the role of online learning and virtual learning environments in this mission. To provide you with some background, Educause is proud of its mission statement as "a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology."

The conference offered its attendees a diversity of sessions such as "The Next Generation of Digital Learning Spaces: Exploring the Frontier of Digital Worlds," "Social Learning: Sustaining the Innovation of New Practices and Technologies," "The Carnegie Mellon Open Learning Initiative: Cognitively Informed Web-Based Instruction," and "Father Google and Mother IM: Confessions of a Net Gen Learner".

As one of only a handful of students at the conference, I was grateful for the opportunity to immerse myself in a culture of individuals dedicated to seamlessly integrating technology for improving student learning.

*Allison Czapracki is a M.Ed. graduate student at GMU studying Instructional Technology. To learn more about EDUCAUSE, please go to <http://www.educause.edu>. To read Allison's Immersion blog, which further details her graduate and conference experiences, check out <http://immerse-yourself.blogspot.com>.*



## Application/Registration Information

- The Summer 2007 Schedule of Classes is online at <https://patriotweb.gmu.edu/>
- Registration for summer classes begins April 2, 2007.
- Applications are still being accepted for Fall 2007. The deadline is August 1, 2007. For application requirements and to apply online go to <http://gse.gmu.edu/admissions/adminrqts.htm>. For Track Two - Integrating Technology in Schools contact Dr. Priscilla Norton at [pnorton@gmu.edu](mailto:pnorton@gmu.edu).



## Projects/Award Winning Partnerships

### **Dr. Priscilla Norton Receives the Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award from Gov. Timothy Kaine**

Dr. Norton was recognized along with 11 other outstanding faculty members from Virginia's public and private colleges and universities for excellence in teaching, research, knowledge integration and public service. Norton was the only faculty member recognized for a "Teaching with Technology" emphasis. The recipients were selected from a pool of 95 candidates nominated by their peers.

"Students and citizens across the commonwealth benefit from the academic research and instructional leadership demonstrated by these remarkable faculty members," said Kaine. "These recipients come from every region of the state and represent diverse disciplines, and their dedication to scholarly pursuits has helped Virginia's colleges and universities remain among the finest in the nation."

### **Dr. Priscilla Norton and Dawn Hathaway receive the SITE 2007 Outstanding Paper Award**

Dr. Norton and Dawn Hathaway's paper entitled "Comparing Two Online Learning Environments: A Classroom of One or Many?" has been selected to receive the SITE 2007 Outstanding Paper Award.

## Upcoming Events

### **3rd Annual Innovations in e-Learning Symposium - June 5, 6 & 7, 2007**

The *George Mason University Instructional Technology Program* and the *Defense Acquisition University* invite you to attend the **3rd Annual Innovations in e-Learning Symposium**. This event will be held on June 5, 6 & 7, 2007 on the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Topics of this year's symposium will include:

- Global e-Learning
- Open Source
- Social Software
- Organizational Development
- Games and Simulations

#### **June 5**

Three workshops will be offered - **\*Best Practices in Games and Simulations** (full-day), **Quick Instructional Design** (half-day), and **Teaching in the Virtual Classroom** (half-day). The Registration Fee for the full-day workshop is \$100 and \$50 for each half-day workshop. The Registration Fee includes a Certificate of Completion, breaks, lunch and parking. Registration is limited to 50 people per workshop so please register early.

*\*Participants attending the **Best Practices in Games and Simulations** workshop must bring a laptop computer with wireless internet capability.*

*Symposium information continued on the next page.*



## **Upcoming Events** *(continued)*

### **June 6 & 7**

#### Keynotes:

- Frank Anderson, Jr., President, Defense Acquisition University
- Kathleen Gilroy, CEO, The Otter Group
- Gordon Freedman, Vice President of Education Strategy, Blackboard, Inc.
- VADM Alfred G. Harms, Jr., (USN, ret.), Special Assistant to the President, University of Central Florida

The Registration Fee for this two-day event is \$200 and includes an opening night reception, breaks, two lunches and parking.

Registration for both events begins March 1, 2007 and ends May 25, 2007.

For more information visit <http://innovationsinelearning.gmu.edu>

## **IT Faculty**

For more information on IT Faculty visit <http://it.gse.gmu.edu/faculty.htm>

## **IT Program Contact**

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