

Professional Development

Responsible University Office:

Training and Development

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A variety of continuing education and professional development opportunities are offered at the university.

- The Department of Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education offers an annual continuing education conference known as *Murphy Day* to recognize Dr. Harold D. Murphy's contributions to the profession of counseling at the university. The event has grown to become the best and most affordable opportunity for professional growth and continuing education for counselors and other human service workers in educational, agency, and business settings.
- The Department of Curriculum and Instruction hosts the annual *Bill Martin, Jr. Symposium* in honor of the world-renowned children's author that donated his professional library to A&M-Commerce. The purpose of the symposium is to provide Bilingual, Early Childhood, Mid-Level, and Secondary education teachers with creative and innovative methods for invigorating their pedagogy.
- The Department of Educational Leadership offers a variety of workshops and conferences through their Center for Community College Education and Meadows Principal Improvement Program.
- The [Center for Professional Development](#) provides executive education and professional extended learning opportunities to individuals, groups, and community organizations desiring advanced achievement. The Center currently offers certificate programs in Certified Financial Planning, test preparation for Human Resource Management Certification, and Social Media. Real estate licensure courses as well as continuing education courses are also offered through the Center.
- The College of Education and Human Services offers a broad selection of educator certification programs approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. Specifically, the [Center for Teacher Certification and Academic Services](#) provides alternative educator certification, educational aide certification, field-based educator certification, and professional educator certification.

The university also values the professional development of its own faculty and staff and offers several ways for employees to increase their skills and knowledge, including the following.

- [Training and Development](#) offers dozens of trainings every semester on topics ranging from assuring accessibility for classroom materials to ProCard training to employee wellness. These sessions are typically announced in the daily Faculty and Staff Announcements email, and you can register for a session through their [calendar](#).
- Through the A&M System, the university participates in the Association of College and University Educators ([ACUE](#)) program, which certifies faculty in its Effective Teaching Practice Framework. New and experienced faculty alike can benefit from this program, which provides faculty with advanced instruction in how to make their students more

successful, leading to higher student retention rates. The Provost's office sends out announcements via email on how to apply for the program each semester.

- [Investing in Us](#) offers a professional development program at no cost to Texas A&M University-Commerce faculty and staff through a series of credit-bearing, academic, master classes. The program promotes a supportive environment for employees seeking to learn, grow, and thrive in their careers. Investing in Us seeks to invest the university's significant and relevant academic knowledge and experiences into its faculty and staff, which will best position them to build on their strengths, talents, and skills and invest them back into serving students at Texas A&M University-Commerce
- Each faculty member has access to [LinkedIn Learning](#), which offers thousands of trainings on a variety of topics in business, technology, and creative areas. You can access these through MyLeo or by logging into your LinkedIn account while on-campus or logged in through the VPN to the university's network.
- Increase your [digital literacy](#) by using the Adobe Creative Cloud applications, which all faculty, students and staff can access. You can find training on the applications, as well as take courses from Adobe professionals to earn badges, help students increase their digital literacy, and more by visiting the university's [Adobe resource page](#).