Each year, West welcomes a group of outstanding new faculty to our academic community. **West Connect** includes events for new and tenure-track faculty to provide information and resources; opportunities to expand perspectives by interacting and exchanging ideas with peers; and workshops relating to practical topics, instructional strategies, and implications for teaching.

*West Connect is intended primarily for new and tenure-track faculty, but all faculty are welcome. Faculty are eligible for Flex Credit for workshop attendance.*

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**Faculty Matters: Essential Information from the Office of Instruction**

Office of Teaching & Learning and the Office of Instruction  
**August 21 | 9:30-11:00 am | Winlock**

Join us for an introduction from key campus areas including Distance Learning, Library, Academic Senate, and more. We will also review Academic Affairs procedures and as well as discuss curriculum and the role of the Office of Instruction.

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**Academic Accommodation**

Shalomon Duke  |  **September 12 | 1:00-2:30 pm | SSB-414**

This workshop is designed to give faculty members insight into the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) accommodation process. In addition, legislation and mandatory accommodations will be discussed.

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**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs): Back to the Basics**

Todd Matosic  |  **September 25 | 2:00-3:30 pm | Winlock**

The workshop will cover everything that new faculty will need to know about student learning outcomes from what needs to be included in course syllabi to the assessment cycle and the assessment process we have in place. The workshop will also benefit any other faculty looking to brush up on SLO specifics. *Faculty are encouraged to bring their newest course syllabi to the workshop for review of needs.*
Program Review
Rebecca Tillberg | September 27 | 10:00-12:00 pm | HLRC-218
This workshop is designed especially for new faculty. Learn about what program review is, how it’s important, and how to do it.

Things to Know During the Tenure Process
Recently-Tenured Faculty | October 14 | 1:00-2:00 pm | Winlock
Join a roundtable discussion with recently-tenured faculty who will share what they wish they knew during the tenure process

How to Survive Tenure in this Current Climate
Charles “Buck” Stapleton | October 23 | 1:00-2:30 pm | Winlock
Learn about the tenure process from initial hiring through advancement in the probationary process. Topics will include the evaluation process, serving on committees, mentoring, professional responsibilities, best practices, academic rank advancement, the role of the AFT (faculty union) and the Academic Senate, academic freedom, handling student complaints, maintaining accurate rosters, developing a syllabus and instructional notes, and maintaining accurate records to present to the tenure review committee.

Tenure-Track Faculty Social
West Administration | December 12 | 1:00-2:00 pm | HLRC-4CD
Join us to recognize the completion of your semester at West. Tenure-track faculty, Division Chairs, and administrators are invited.