Dr. David W. Test, Professor of Special Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, teaches courses in single subject research, transition, classroom management, and professional writing. The majority of Dr. Test’s publications have focused on self-determination, transition, community-based training, and supported employment. Along with Dr. Nellie Aspel and Dr. Jane Everson he wrote the first transition methods textbook titled Transition Methods for Youth with Disabilities. Dr. Test currently serves as a Co-Project Director (with Dr. Paula Kohler) of the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center, Co-Director on the North Carolina Indicator 14 Post-school Outcomes Project and the IES CIRCLES project (with Dr. Claudia Flowers), and the UNC Charlotte Doctoral Leadership Personnel Preparation Program (with Dr. Diane Brower). Finally, he and Dr. Bob Algozzine currently serve as co-editors of Career Development for Exceptional Individuals.
PUBLICATIONS & NEWLY FUNDED RESEARCH

Publications:

New Awards:
Dr. Erik Wikstrom’s NATA District III Research Grant: Cutaneous Sensation and Cognitive Loading in those with CAI, Copers, and Uninjured Controls. Project dates: 12/01/2013-11/30/2014

Project MedAssets was funded and the Provost is making a one-time allocation to our DSBA program.
Title: The Affordable Care Act Medicare Readmission Policy Implications North Carolina Hospital Revenues.
Research Team: William Saunders, Assistant Professor of Health Informatics, Public Health Sciences, CHHS, UNC Charlotte Joshua Noone, Health Services Research PhD student, CHHS, UNC Charlotte Jim Studnicki, Irwin Belk Endowed Chair of Health Services Research, Public Health Sciences, CHHS, UNC Charlotte Christopher Craver, Senior Director, Health Data Analytics, MedAssets TBD, Visualization Lab, CCI, UNC Charlotte. ASAP - 06/30/2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gates Foundation Announces New Grants:
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation recently announced the latest set of grant awards for the Grand Challenges Explorations program. Over 80 new grants of US$100,000 each will be made to investigators from 14 countries through Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative which funds innovative ideas to solve some of the greatest challenges in global health and development. In this round, grants were awarded for projects focusing on women smallholder farmers, neglected tropical diseases, condom development, linking data systems for development needs, and exploring the intersection of human and animal health.
Also announced was additional funding of up to US$1 million each for 13 existing Grand Challenges Explorations projects to enable grantees to continue to advance their ideas towards global impact.
For more details on these grants, please read the press release and the grant summaries, and view a photo gallery highlighting some of these new projects. Grand Challenges Explorations Round 14 will open in March 2014. Please sign up to receive updates about this and other future grant opportunities.
For more information on the Grand Challenges family of grant programs, please see the latest issue of our Grand Challenges Newsletter. As we close out 2013, the Grand Challenges team extends our deepest appreciation for your partnership and commitment to solving the world’s greatest health and development challenges.

Keeneland Conference:
Dr. Issel is serving as the Chair of the Scientific Steering Committee for the 7th Annual Keeneland Conference. She along with members of the Scientific Steering Committee are developing the conference theme and will be selecting abstracts for presentation. The Keeneland Conference offers an opportunity for public health researchers to network with practitioners and policymakers and develop ways to translate research into evidence-based practice.
The call for abstracts is now open and accessible at the Keeneland Conference website. http://www.publichealthsystems.org/keeneland-conference.aspx
Grant-writing resources available on Moodle

UNC Charlotte subscribes to a monthly newsletter offering articles and links to resources on the web that provide tips and assistance to faculty seeking grant funding. Research Development & Grant Writing News is published by Lucy Deckard and Mike Cronan of Academic Research Funding Strategies LLC., who provide consulting services to colleges and universities on a wide range of topics related to research development.

Also available is an ebook – New Faculty Guide to Competing for Research Funding – that offers information on what new faculty need to know about finding funding and writing research proposals.

These resources are available to UNC Charlotte faculty and staff through a Moodle 2 project at https://moodle2.uncc.edu/course/view.php?id=41859#section-0. Just enroll using your UNC Charlotte username and password.

If you have any questions, contact Lesley Brown, Director of Proposal Development, by email or at 7-1880

DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE

Request For Proposals: The UNC Center for Diabetes Translation Research (CDTR) pilot grants program

Budgets ranging from $20,000 - $40,000

Proposals due December 9, 2013

The full details are on the web at: http://cdtr.unc.edu/index.php/cdtr-programs/pilot-funding/guidelines

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