

## Meeting the Needs of Online Teachers: Training and Challenges

February 8, 2016  
1:00–2:00 p.m. Central Time

### Webinar: Preliminary Agenda

- 1:00–1:05 p.m. **Welcome and Overview**  
Pam Jacobs, Ph.D., Virtual Education Research Alliance (VERA) lead  
*Dr. Jacobs will provide an overview of the regional educational laboratories and REL Midwest, discuss the goals of the webinar, and briefly introduce the moderator.*
- 1:05–1:20 p.m. **Results of Wisconsin Virtual School Teacher Study**  
Jackie Zweig, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Education Development Center  
Erin Stafford, Research Associate, Education Development Center  
*Dr. Zweig and Ms. Stafford will present the findings from the published report focused on Wisconsin Virtual School teachers and describe the survey content and development process.*
- 1:20–1:27 p.m. **Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS)**  
Dawn Nordine, Executive Director, Wisconsin Virtual School  
Michele Nickels, Director, Wisconsin Virtual School  
*Ms. Nickels will describe how Wisconsin Virtual School is changing its professional development offerings based on the results of the survey. Ms. Nordine will discuss the influence of the results in Wisconsin more broadly.*
- 1:27–1:34 p.m. **Kirkwood Community College**  
Marcel Kielkucki, Director of High School Completion Programs, Kirkwood Community College  
*Mr. Kielkucki will discuss the results of the survey administered to Kirkwood Community College teachers. He will discuss similarities and differences from the findings of the Wisconsin Virtual School teacher survey.*

1:34–1:41 p.m.

**Iowa Learning Online (ILO)**

Gwen Nagel, Director, Iowa Learning Online

*Ms. Nagel will discuss the results of the survey administered to Iowa Learning Online. She will discuss similarities and differences from the findings of the Wisconsin Virtual School teacher survey.*

1:41–1:56 p.m.

**Question & Answer Session**

Pam Jacobs, Ph.D., VERA lead

*Dr. Jacobs will briefly discuss the themes presented and lead an interactive Q&A session.*

1:56–2:00 p.m.

**Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**

Pam Jacobs, Ph.D., VERA lead

*Dr. Jacobs will thank participants for attending the event and will provide links to REL Midwest resources and an opportunity to complete the participant feedback survey. At this time, she will remind participants about the availability of the online survey tool.*