



Getting Ready for Take Off

Building on feedback from the Alpha testing, Beta testing of the new WIDS is in full swing. A dedicated group meets weekly to report results and view future testing assignments. These users recognize the need for a comprehensive solution to design, manage and disseminate curriculum across an organization and value the opportunity for input. As one tester states, "I appreciate the fact that WIDS is doing testing this way. It's really nice having input into how this all works." Testing is expected to wrap up later this summer, as clients begin to launch in August. [Read what people are saying.](#)

New Videos and WIDS Website

We've updated our website and have even more resources available to you! Visit www.wids.org to see the changes. New [videos](#) are posted on the home page, as well as our [YouTube channel](#). For example, see a full introduction to [WIDS in 9 minutes](#), or learn about:

- [Roles and Approval](#)
- [Course Design](#)
- [Curriculum Mapping](#)

Registration Open for User Group and Workshops

November 3rd is our annual User Group where the latest WIDS will be unveiled and celebrated. Hear from those who've recently implemented as well as from consultants who are planning kick-off events for clients. Talk to users who've been testing it over the past year, and begin planning your own implementation. New this year are two days of pre-conference [workshops](#) on November 1 and 2! [Register online](#) for all events by visiting www.wids.org or using these links:

[Nov. 1, 1:30-4:30 pm Questions and Best Practices Workshop \(existing site required\)](#)

[Nov. 2, 1:30-4:30 pm Syllabus A Workshop \(existing site required\)](#)

[Nov. 2, 1:30-4:30 pm Syllabus B Workshop](#)

[Nov. 2, 8:30 am-4:30 pm Course Development Workshop \(existing site required\)](#)

[Nov. 3, 8:00 am-4:00 pm User Group](#)

Call for Proposals Update - Deadline June 30

Interested in telling your story or sharing best practices in curriculum design and assessment? Submit a [presentation proposal](#) for the User Group-- due June 30. All you need is a title and 50 word description! Strands are listed on the form and were developed based on feedback from last year.

Guest rooms fill up fast, so be sure to make your hotel reservation. The User Group is held in Madison, Wisconsin, at the [Concourse Hotel](#). Call (800) 356-8293 and ask for the WIDS block.

Webinar Schedule

Join us for a 45 minute introduction to WIDS! All you need is an Internet connection. A live facilitator walks you through the new application and answers questions. Contact [Robin Nickel](#) to arrange a private webinar at a time convenient for you.

[Thu, Jun 23, 2011 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT](#)

[Wed, Jul 20, 2011 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CDT](#)

[Thu, Jul 28, 2011 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CDT](#)

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