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**Overview: Teaching Portfolios**

**WHAT IS A TEACHING PORTFOLIO?**

A teaching portfolio is a set of elective documents that support claims that an instructor makes about his/her teaching effectiveness. The supporting documents may include:

- Narrative statements of teaching goals and philosophies
- Curricular revisions
- Lessons and Assessments
- Student work samples
- Supervisor or peer evaluation notes/observations
- Excerpts from students
- Communications with others in the institution who are not directly in the classroom
- Photographs
- Video files
- Action Research Projects

**PURPOSE**

- Opportunities for teachers to be reflective
- Starting point for supervisors and teachers to discuss effective teaching
- More authentic assessment of teaching
- May be used to determine tenure/promotion/recognition for teaching award/etc.

**ISSUES/CONCERNS**

- Quality of documentation
- Commitment to updating portfolio
- Models for reflection/ quality of teacher reflection

**REFERENCES**