

Use of Sustainable Nanotechnology Examples in the College Classroom

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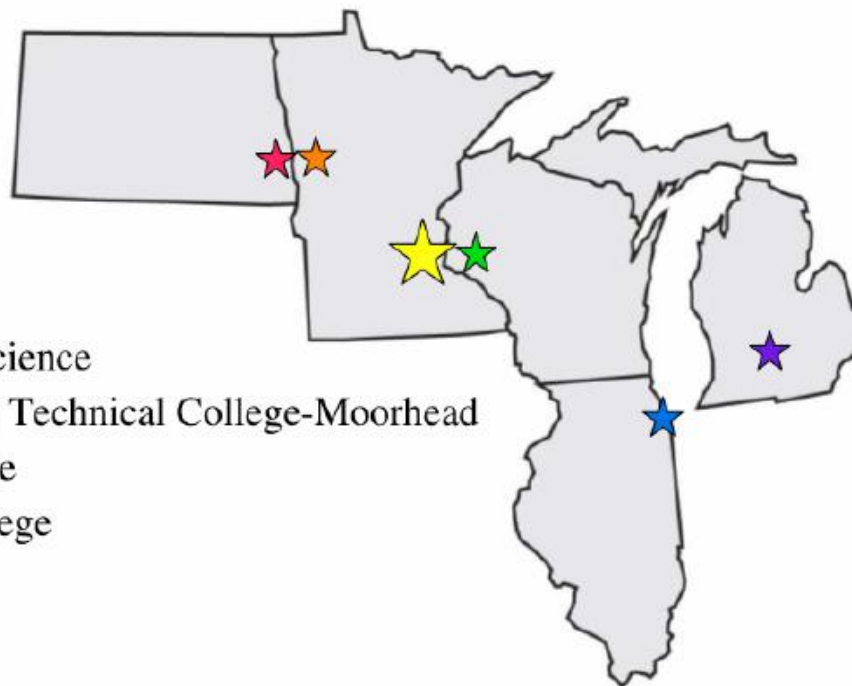
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Midwest Regional Center for
Nanotechnology Education

- ★ North Dakota State College of Science
- ★ Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Moorhead
- ★ Dakota County Technical College
- ★ Chippewa Valley Technical College
- ★ William Rainey Harper College
- ★ Lansing Community College



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University Partner: University of Minnesota

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Nano Infusion Project

- Complete, topical modules to high school and college educators
- Module = Activities, background, worksheets, ppt, video, resources etc.
- Currently 12 modules (8 additional this year)
- Educator Workshops
- This school year
- Over 5000 students
- 92 Teachers
- 17 States

The Approach

Idea for a nanoscience 2 year program (2003)

Industry input

U of MN partnership



NSF ATE Project Grant (2004 – 2008)

2 yr, multi-disciplinary program

43 of the 72 credits = nano specific courses



Regional Center for Nanotechnology Education: Nano-Link (2008 – 2012)

Share program, courses

Modular approach developed for nano content



Nano- Link II – partner with other NSF Centers (2012 – 2015)

Nano content into industry specific modules

Biotechnology, photonics, material science



DCTC NanoScience Program

Critical Thinking

Conceptual
Understanding

Hands-On

Soft Skills

Traditional Science Applicable Concepts
(lecture and lab experiences)

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

Materials
Science

Math

Engineering

Nanoscience Concepts
(lecture and lab experiences)

Sense of
Scale
Surface
area to
volume
ratio

Atomic and
Molecular
Structure
Material
Properties

Forces and
Interactions
Quantum
Effects

Application
Extension
of basic
Concepts
"Self
assembly"

Computer
Simulation

Nanomaterials

Nanoelectronics

Nanobiotechnology

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Nanoscience Technology Program Course Outline and Credit Allocation

rev. 2011

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ENGL 1100	Writing & Research Skills	3	SPEE 1020	Interpersonal Communication	3	NANO 2121	Nanomaterials	3	MT 3121	Thin Films Deposition	3
MATS 1300	College Algebra	4	MATS 1250	Principles of Statistical Analysis	4	NANO 2131	Manufacturing, Quality Assurance	2	MT 3131	Intro to Materials Characterization	3
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Approaches
Top down
Bottom Up

Technology Maturity Model
Descriptor
Participants
Funding
Non-technical influences

Societal Aspects
Global
EPA, FDA, Regulatory
Multi-Disciplinary
Intellectual Property

Maternity Phase

0

1

2

6

7

Researchers: Univ./Govt.

Researchers

Participants

Product Development

Practice

Examples from websites

What TM Phase – why?
Next steps to move forward?
Will it make it? Why? Why not?
(reminder – what's “normal”)

Technology Attributes

Ah- Ha!!

Define material
And properties

Material
Variations

Potential
Applications,
Make more

Interaction studies,
Manufacturing
approach

Revisit each semester

Application
Prototype

Test Market

First Product
In public sector

Investment

Government/University Grants

Venture Capital Investment

Industry Investment/ Government Grants

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P,C,B, MS

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Applications
Agricultural Sensors
Environ. sensing/ purification
Energy (Solar, cellulose, biofuels, mechanical, thermal etc.)

Functionalized Gold NPs
Tumor destruction
Exit Body
Capture/Contain/Reuse

Industry Activities
Technical
Environmental
Non-Technical

Summary

- Multi-disciplinary 72 credit NanoScience Program
- Concepts, hands-on, analytical and 21st Century skills
- Sustainable nanotechnology concepts, activities, experiments included in all semesters
- Student research includes feasibility studies, industry research support – partnerships with Univ. in research (NP impact on diatoms)

Thank you!!!!

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