C-STEM Curriculum for Integrated Computing and STEM Education (Curriculum Exchange)

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The mission of the UC Davis Center for integrated Computing and STEM Education is to transform computing, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (C-STEM) education in both formal and informal programs in K-14. The goal of the C-STEM Center is to broaden participation of students, especially female and underrepresented minorities, in computing and to develop students’ computer-aided problem-solving skills to tackle real-world STEM problems. The C-STEM Center also studies how to streamline the curriculum on computing education in the context of STEM subjects in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and the first two years of college to increase student interest in pursuing computing and STEM related careers, and post-secondary study.

What We Do

Researching and Developing Teaching Resources for Computing and STEM Education

- Conduct research on Integrated Computing and STEM Education in K-14
- Develop pedagogy and strategies to integrate computing and robotics into STEM education
- Develop courseware and teaching materials for K-14 computing and STEM education

Training and Professional Development for K-14 STEM Teachers

- Offer workshops, tutorials, and summer institute for professional development for STEM teachers on robotics, computing and programming in C/C++, pedagogy on teaching computing and robotics in K-14, and its integration in STEM curriculum.
- Provide teachers with teaching materials including textbooks, course syllabus, homework assignments, solutions, pre and post assessment, video lessons, group computing and robotics activities.

C-STEM Curricula

- **Elementary School Curriculum:** Exploring Mathematics with Computing and Robotics
- **Middle School Curriculum:** Math 7 with Computing, Math 8 with Computing, Computer Programming with Ch, Exploring Robotics and Film Production.

C-STEM Day and C-STEM Conference for Advocating C-STEM Education

- Secondary School Math Programming Competition
- RoboPlay Competitions (Video and Challenge)
- Conference on Integrated Computing and STEM Education
- C-STEM Awards for K-12 teachers and students

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