

Teaching Commons

Faculty Newsletter

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To view all of our upcoming offerings, [here is the link to our events calendar](#)



As we, hopefully, move toward warmer weather and longer days, the Teaching Commons continues to offer a variety of programs, courses, and resources to support a refresh of your remote teaching practices. For more information, visit our newly refreshed website.

[Here is the link to the Teaching Commons web site](#)

Access and Equity in Online Teaching and Learning (March 22 – April 23, 2021)



Access and equity in eLearning environments can present a unique set of challenges, whether we are creating and sharing course content digitally, engaging students in "hot topics" through discussion forums or deciding how best to administer high-stakes online assessments. In this fully online course, participants will learn by doing through ongoing participation in weekly learning activities. Together we will test out strategies for using online technology to enhance access and support equity, explore relevant principles and frameworks to inform our online teaching, and troubleshoot common challenges.

[Here is the link to learn more and to register.](#)

Formative Classroom Observation Program



The Teaching Commons offers colleagues who teach at York (Course Directors) the opportunity to engage in a voluntary, collaborative opportunity to inspire a reflective dialogue on classroom teaching. Observations could include inviting your liaison Educational Developer to attend a synchronous (Zoom) class, adding your liaison Educational Developer to your eClass site as an auditor to review asynchronous course activities, or any combination of synchronous and asynchronous engagement.

[Here is the link to request an observation](#)

To learn more, contact Lisa Endersby, Educational Developer, at lendersb@yorku.ca

12 Days of Assessment Webinar Series



We are excited to continue our weekly webinar series focused on a variety of assessment strategies and techniques. Hosted by two Educational Developers, Eliana Elkhoury and Brian Nairn, these 1-hour webinars will include conversations on assessment in large classrooms, rubrics, faculty panels, and more! Understanding that not everyone can attend every session each week, we will also be recording and posting the sessions online, available on our new Assessment webpage. [Here is the link to the assessment resources page.](#)

No registration is required! Please visit our webpage or our Calendar of Events for Zoom links and specific topics.

[Here is the link to our Calendar of Events](#)



YU Got This! Academic Tips & Tools for End of Term

Presented by: Learning Skills Services, the Libraries, the Writing Centre and the ESL Open Learning Centre

Date and Time: Friday, March 19th @ 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. via Zoom

Please spread the word about this event to your undergraduate students! **Students will come away with tips for time management, academic library research and writing, and preparing for online exams.**

[Here is the link to learn more and to register](#)

Taking it Online: Making the Transition from the Face-to-Face Classroom (March 22 – April 16, 2021)



Looking to get some hands-on practice with moving face-to-face courses to the online environment? Join us for a fully online crash course in the practical pedagogy of eLearning for beginners as we use a range of online learning activities to introduce core principles and best practices for online learning. Participants will learn by doing as they transform a face-to-face course into a robust and pedagogically informed online learning environment in eClass. This course is actively facilitated by a Teaching Commons instructor, and participants will be able to ask questions and access further support and resources by email, in online office hours, or through the course eClass at any point.

[Here is the link to learn more and to register](#)



A New Mentorship Program

Are you interested or experienced with experiential education and/or capstone courses? The York Capstone Network (YCN) is launching a mentorship program. Watch our video to learn more or complete our survey if you are interested in becoming a mentor or are seeking a mentor.

[Here is the link to the video](#)

[Here is the link to the survey](#)

[Here is the link to learn more about the York Capstone Network](#)



Workshops for Students – March 2021 Update from the Libraries

If you think students in courses you are teaching could benefit from learning more about how to engage in academic research for your course assignments or be better equipped with knowledge of academic integrity and citation practices, consider pointing them to the workshops section of the Libraries web site for full information about the following workshops:

Road to Research Success: How to Find Scholarly Articles and Books Through YorkU Libraries

Date & Time: March 9th, 1.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Academic Integrity: How You Can Learn to Stop Worrying and Love Citations

Date & Time: March 16th 1.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

Introduction to Zotero

Date & Time: March 18th 1.00-2.30 p.m.

[Here is the link to the workshops section of the Libraries website](#)