

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, June 2021

A Summer of Play and Care

We are excited to announce a new summer workshop series and a new fully online course taking place this summer. External support for eLearning through eCampus Ontario is also available.



Active Learning Playground (Summer Workshop Series)

Each of these workshops can be counted toward the [Record of Completion Certificate](#)

This 5-part summer workshop series combines active learning strategies, reflective discussion about a range of pedagogical topics, and time for collaborative conversations about how best to apply active learning in your teaching context. We will explore how a range of active learning strategies can work for you and your students, while also making time to explore topics relating to the scholarship of teaching and learning, experiential education, assessment in higher education, and more.

- June 9th, 12:00-1:30: [Exploring Engaged Teaching Using Six Thinking Hats/Say Something](#)
- June 23rd, 12:00-1:30: [Exploring SoTL Using Question Formulation Technique](#)
- July 7th, 12:00-1:30: [Exploring Experiential Education Using Escape Rooms/Fishbowls](#)
- July 21st, 12:00-1:30: [Exploring Students As Partners Using Concept Mapping/Affinity Grouping](#)
- August 4th, 12:00-1:30: [Exploring Assessment Using Case Studies/Send-A-Problem](#)

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



NEW Course - Caring to Teach: Supporting Student Transitions between Teaching and Learning Environments

In this fully online course, participants will explore considerations for helping students make a successful transition between online and face-to-face teaching and learning environments by focusing on caring teaching practices, including both instructor and student well-being.

Course Dates: July 9 - August 10, 2021

While all required course activities are asynchronous, optional synchronous sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 10-11am EST.

Note that registration for this course closes on July 5th, 11:59 pm EST.

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



Ontario Extend Program by eCampus Ontario

The **Ontario Extend Program** provides free digital teaching skills and professional learning to all post-secondary educators in Ontario – and NEW this summer they are offering a customized and facilitated experience for educators who participate in their openly licensed program! These facilitation efforts are led by eCampus Ontario Extend facilitators who are excited to guide you through the course content in a way that is flexible with no strings attached.

Dates: June 7 – August 16

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



Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT) Course

The Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT) course is a one-semester blended course that will be offered in both the fall and winter semesters. Please note you only need to register for ONE term. This free course consists of 6 synchronous sessions and 5 asynchronous modules. This [EDC \(Educational Developers Caucus\)](#) accredited course is for Teaching Assistants to learn more about teaching in postsecondary education, reflect on your experiences, engage in multi-disciplinary discussions about teaching, learn from one another and apply what you've learnt through a 10-minute lesson cycle with peer feedback and the development of your teaching dossier.

Fall 2021 Session Dates - all sessions will run 10am to 11:30am EST via Zoom

- Wednesday September 15, 2021
- Wednesday October 6, 2021
- Wednesday October 13, 2021
- Wednesday November 3, 2021
- Wednesday November 24, 2021
- Wednesday December 15, 2021

[Register for TACT in Fall 2021](#)

If you are unavailable for any of the above course dates, consider our Winter 2022 TACT course. See our [website](#) for session dates and to [register](#).



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