

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, July 2021

Supporting Student Engagement

This month's issue highlights a variety of professional development opportunities to learn about and share ways to support and encourage student engagement, through student well-being and care, to active learning strategies and technology tools.



LAST CHANCE to register - 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](#)

Active Learning Playground (Summer Workshop Series)

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

This 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 experiential education, students as partners, and assessment in higher education.

- 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.](#)



Creating Virtual Escape Rooms for Teaching and Learning (Thursday July 29, 10am-12pm)

This workshop, facilitated by Assistant Professors in Nursing, Kristine Pederal and Andria Phillips, will provide guidance on the creation of virtual escape rooms using free Google Workspace products. An overview of how escape rooms offer a virtual space for students to engage in active learning by finding clues and solving puzzles based on course content, foster communication and collaboration, and to demonstrate clinical judgment will be provided. Attendees will briefly participate in a virtual escape room experience solving a variety of puzzles related to priority-setting and problem solving and then be guided in developing their own virtual escape room.

Thursday July 29, 10am-12pm via Zoom

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

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Beyond eClass: Interactive Pedagogies Using Zoom, H5P, and More (July 26-August 27, 2021)

There's more to teaching online than eClass! Increasingly, educators are talking about "Zoom pedagogy," "H5P plugins," and a suite of different tech tools to enhance interactivity in their online classrooms. Join us in this wholly online course to explore strategies and technologies to boost interaction with and between your students.

Course Dates: July 26 - August 27, 2021

While all required course activities are asynchronous, optional synchronous sessions will be held on Mondays, 10:30-11:30am EST.

Note that registration for this course closes on July 21st, 11:59 pm EST.

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



Resources for Flexible Teaching

As you navigate planning for teaching in Fall 2021, you may wish to take a flexible approach to support both you and your students. The Teaching Commons has collected some resources that we hope you will find helpful.

[HERE is the link to Flexible Teaching Resources](#)



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