

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, October 2021

Truth and Reconciliation

It is important to reflect, learn, and engage in dialogue about the truths of the Indigenous treaties, First Nation, Métis and Inuit land claims, and the residential schools system. The National Centre of Truth and Reconciliation is hosting a week of events, September 27- October 1 for you to engage in this important work. For more information and to register, please [visit the link here](#).



Interactive Webinars for TAs

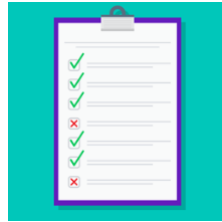
The following list of webinars in October all count toward the [Record of Completion certificates](#). **All sessions will be held via Zoom and the Zoom link will be emailed to those who register below:**

- Teaching in a Multicultural Classroom, Tues. Oct. 5, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Strategies to Maintain and Inspire Student Motivation, Tues. Oct. 19, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- The Dynamics of Teaching and Facilitating Discussion Online, Wed. Oct. 20, 10:00 am – 11:00 am. [Registration Link](#).
- Teaching Critical Research and Writing Skills Workshop for TAs, Thurs. Oct. 21, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- What is 'Conflict' and How Might it Arise in the Classroom?, Wed. Oct. 27, 10:00 am – 11:00 am. [Registration Link](#).
- Teaching Critical Reading Skills Workshop for TAs, Thurs. Oct. 28, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Trauma-informed Teaching Assistant Practice, Wed. Nov. 3, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).

Marking and Grading: A 3-day Challenge

Are you new to marking and grading, or looking to connect with other TAs to further develop your marking and grading skills? Join us for a 3-day challenge between Tuesday October 12th and Friday October 15th, 2021. There will be a choice of different challenges for you, an opportunity to learn something new related to the challenge you choose, and an activity to engage in and reflect on with other TAs.

[Here is the link to register so you receive one challenge a day Oct 12-15](#)



Resources and Supports for Teaching at York

- Don't forget about the [Teaching Commons Online Community and Resources](#), where there is information about many resources from across campus for your students and you.
- [Strategies for On-campus Learning](#) offers activities with adaptations for physical distancing, as well as remote and online alternatives.
- A new [Teaching Assistant \(TA\) and International Teaching Assistant \(ITA\) Handbook](#) is available.
- Additional resources are available for teaching online or remotely, including [Online Teaching for Teaching Assistants videos](#) and [Teaching Remotely: A guide for TAs](#)
- The Teaching Commons offers daily drop-in hours, Monday to Friday, 10am-12pm via this Zoom link: <https://yorku.zoom.us/j/7467955013>. Please introduce yourself as a TA so we can best support you with your teaching!
- For technical support with Zoom and eClass, **Learning Technology Services (LTS)** is also offering virtual drop-in sessions daily (Monday-Friday). More information, including hours for each day and a link to the Zoom office hours room, can be found at <https://lthelp.yorku.ca/learn-more/virtual-drop-in-hours>



Connect with Us!

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all our upcoming workshops, new resources, and other materials related to teaching and learning.

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