

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, September 2021

(re)Introducing the Teaching Commons

The Teaching Commons is a positive space where faculty, graduate students, and staff from across our campuses can engage in professional development activities related to any aspect of teaching and learning. We offer a broad range of learning opportunities including individual workshops and drop-in support, comprehensive courses, certificates, and research related to teaching. Our team is ready to help you explore best practices and innovative strategies, support program renewals and course design, and offer guidance specific to York institutional priorities. We are here to help connect you to a network of colleagues, scholarly resources and evidence-based practice to explore and develop your teaching in new and unimagined ways. Check out this [video](#) that provides an overview of the Teaching Commons support for graduate students.

Interactive Webinars for TAs

The following list of webinars in September 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:**

- Effective Strategies for Teaching in a (face-to-face) Lab, Thurs. Sept. 9, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Teaching Students with Disabilities: Tips for Teaching Assistants, Fri. Sept. 10, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Designing your Tutorial, Tues. Sept. 14, 10:00 am – 11:00 am. [Registration Link](#). OR Fri. Sept. 17, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Teaching with Technology and in an Online Environment, Fri. Sept. 17, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Supporting First Year Students in Transition and Maintaining Student Retention, Mon. Sept. 20, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Marking and Grading Strategies, Thurs. Sept. 23, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).
- Making Meaningful Connections with your Students, Fri. Sept. 24, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Registration Link](#).

Resources and Supports for Teaching at York

- Whether you are a new TA at York, or are experienced, you may wish to access this [open enrollment set of modules on eClass](#) as there are very useful links and information on resources across York University for you and your students.
 - [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>

Certificates and Accredited Courses

The Teaching Commons offers certificates and accredited courses to enhance your professional development and recognize your dedication and commitment to teaching and learning.

- Click on [Record of Completion Certificates](#) to learn more about this flexible program and how you can use any workshops and events you attend toward one of these certificates.
- Click on [TA Certificate in Teaching \(TACT\)](#) to learn more about this one-semester accredited course for experienced TAs. By the end of this course, you will have a teaching dossier that you can continue to update over the years.
- Click on [Senior Teaching Assistant \(STA\) Program: Exploring Educational Development](#) to learn more about this accredited course, and how you can take part after completing the TACT course.

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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