

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, December 2021

End of Term Reflections in Preparation for Winter

As the end of the term approaches hopefully you can take some time to reflect, appreciate your strengths, what went well, and problem solve areas for improvement for the future. Learning from your students' experiences is also helpful, so consult the recently updated [TA Feedback Guide](#) for ideas. Join an experienced TA, December 3, 7, or 8, between 10am and 12pm ET via this [Zoom Link](#) to debrief the term, ask questions, or to talk about teaching!



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Interactive Webinars for TAs

The following webinars in December will 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:**

- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Learning Outcomes, Thurs. Dec. 9, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. [Registration Link](#).
- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Assessment, Thurs. Dec. 16, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. [Registration Link](#).

Note: Look for a host of new interactive workshops to be added to our [events calendar](#) in the new year, being offered by our [Senior Teaching Assistants](#)!

Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT)

There are limited spaces available in the winter offering of the TACT course. Click on [TA Certificate in Teaching \(TACT\)](#) to learn more about this one-semester accredited course for experienced TAs, and reserve a spot today. By the end of this course, you will have a teaching dossier that you can continue to update over the years.

Teaching is Rewarding No Matter What: Reflections from Teaching Award Recipients

On November 22, we hosted a panel session composed of teaching award recipients and engaged as a teaching and learning community in discussions about teaching and learning and about the significance of teaching awards. Please note you must sign-in to Zoom using SSO and your Passport York credentials to access the recording below.

[Here is the link to watch the panel session recording](#)



Learning Commons Virtual Welcome Desk

Are your students looking for resources and services available to help them with their writing, research, study, language, or career skills? [The Learning Commons Virtual Welcome Desk](#) is a **live chat service** that acts as a **convenient** first check-in **point with the Learning Commons**.

The Learning Skills Peers, who staff this chat service, will help students directly or refer students to the Learning Commons resource or service best suited to their needs. Students can chat live with a peer this Fall term **Monday to Friday, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.**

For all information on Learning Commons services, including virtual drop-in services, consultation services, online workshops and online resources and tutorials can be found at the [Learning Commons web site](#).



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