

# Teaching Commons

## Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, September 2022

### (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.

### Workshops and Events for TAs

The following list of events in September all count toward the [Record of Completion certificates](#).

- Effective Strategies for Teaching in a (face-to-face) Lab
  - In-person in DB 1014, Wed. Sept. 7, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. [Register](#), OR
  - Virtual via Zoom, Fri. Sept 16, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. [Register](#)
- Designing your Tutorial
  - Virtual via Zoom, Wed. Sept. 7, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Register](#) OR
  - In-person in DB 1014, Thurs. Sept. 15, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Register](#)
- Marking and Grading Strategies
  - In-person in DB 1014, Thurs. Sept. 8, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Register](#) OR
  - Virtual via Zoom, Wed. Sept. 14, 11:00am – 12:00 pm. [Register](#)
- Teaching Assistant Course Orientation (TACO), fully online, September 15-23. [Register](#)
- Supporting First Year Students in Transition and Maintaining Student Retention, in-person in DB 1014, Mon. Sept. 19, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. [Register](#)
- Making Meaningful Connections with your Students, virtual via Zoom, Tues. Sept. 27, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. [Register](#)
- Teaching with Technology and in an Online Environment, virtual via Zoom, Tues. Oct. 4, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. [Register](#)

## Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT)

We are excited to relaunch this certificate in a more flexible structure, consisting of two courses that can be taken throughout your graduate studies at York. Each course is approximately 20-hours of your time, one launching this Fall, and another launching in Winter 2023. We would love to have you join us this Fall in one of the sections of “How do you know learning happens?” Find more information about the course through the registration links below.

[Register for "How do you know learning happens? - Fall 2022 In-person Course"](#)

[Register for "How do you know learning happens? - Fall 2022 Virtual Course"](#)

## 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.
  - [CUPE 3903 TA Handbook](#)
  - [Introductory Guide for Laboratory Demonstrators](#)
  - [Teaching Assistant \(TA\) and International Teaching Assistant \(ITA\) Handbook](#)
  - 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). [Find information, including hours for each day and a link to the Zoom office hours room.](#)



## 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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