

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, October 2023
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Welcome from Teaching Commons Tutors



Workshops and Events for TAs

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

- Trauma-Informed Pedagogies Series: Decolonizing, virtually via Zoom, Mon. Oct. 2, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm. [Register.](#)
- Teaching with Technology and in an Online Environment, virtually via Zoom, Tues. Oct. 3, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Participatory Learning: How to Engage Your Students, in-person in DB 1014, Wed. Oct. 4, 10:00 am–11:00 am. [Register.](#)
- What is 'conflict' & how might it arise in the classroom, virtually via Zoom, Thurs. Oct. 12, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Fostering integrity in the classroom, virtually via Zoom, Fri. Oct. 13, 11:00 am–12:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- What is 'conflict' & how might it arise in the classroom, in-person in DB 1014, Tues. Oct. 17, 11:00am–12:00pm. [Register.](#)
- Teaching in a multicultural classroom, virtually via Zoom, Wed. Oct. 18, 10:00 am–11:00 am. [Register.](#)

- Trauma-Informed Pedagogies Series: Racial and Cultural Justice, virtually via Zoom, Thurs. Oct. 19, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm. [Register.](#)
- Using Active Learning Strategies in your Teaching, in-person DB1014, Tues. Oct. 24, 12:00pm–1:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Changing Classroom Paradigms: Accommodations and Student Retention in the Pandemic Era, virtually via Zoom, Wed. Oct. 25, 11:00am-1:00pm. [Register](#)
- Facilitating Discussions, in-person DB1014 or on-line (Zoom link will be shared), Wed. Nov. 1, 1:00–2pm. [Register.](#)
- Trauma-Informed Pedagogies Series: Dis/ableism, Access, Accommodations, virtually via Zoom, Thurs. Nov. 2, 10:30 am–12:00 pm. [Register.](#)

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

Last month we let you know that we are excited to relaunch this certificate with a new name and the same 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, offered in both the fall and winter semester.

How do you know LEARNING happens is underway and although you could not attend this semester, or missed the call, you can register for the [Winter offering of How do you know LEARNING happens?](#)

Also, there is still time to register for:

["How do you know TEACHING happens? - Fall 2023 In-person Course"](#), starting on Tuesday, 3 October, 2023, in DB1014 from 1:00pm -- 3:00pm.

If this timing does not work for you, you guessed it, we have a [Winter offering](#) of this course for you to register for.



Graduate Students Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW)

Graduate Students you are invited to register to:

- 1) participate in the [upcoming Instructional Skills Workshop](#) (ISW) November 20, 21, & 22, 2023, 9-4:30pm each day,
- or**
- 2) indicate your [interest in future](#) Instructional Skills Workshop offerings (dates to be determined).

The ISW is a peer-based workshop. The facilitator is there to help their peers learn from the experience of teaching, learning, and reflecting on the underlying processes. In the ISW there are no bystanders, no casual observers, and no part-time participants. Everyone who attends the workshop participates fully and has an important role to play. The ISW places a heavy emphasis on learning as well as instruction; many participants agree that some of the greatest value of the workshop lies in the opportunity to participate in and reflect on instruction from the experience and perspective of a learner.



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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.

- o [CUPE 3903 TA Handbook](#)
- o [Introductory Guide for Laboratory Demonstrators](#)
- o [Teaching Assistant \(TA\) and International Teaching Assistant \(ITA\) Handbook](#)
- o 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-11am 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.](#)



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