

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, November 2023



Navigating the Campus: Disability Services, Accessibility, and Finding Ways to Thrive on Campus

Two of the Teaching Commons Tutors, Diane Kolin and Bridget Liang, have designed this session to develop community, bring individuals together to help each other, and offer support for navigating the campus. They are passionate, knowledgeable, experienced, and supportive people who want to meet you!

Everyone has different needs, and we strive to discuss many needs and leave space for people to add their own experiences to the conversation. During this session, we will define disability, introduce the principles of disability justice, and give an overview and applications of resources from York and from communities. Our goal is to introduce some skills and cultivating capacity to create collective access and care in the face of structural ableism.

“No body or mind can be left behind – only moving together can we accomplish the revolution we require.” Patty Berne, Co-Founder, Executive and Artistic Director of Sins Invalid, a disabled artist collective that centralizes artists of colour and LGBTQ/gender-variant artists.

[Learn more and register for the session taking place on Wed. Nov. 15, 12:30-2pm via Zoom.](#)



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Workshops and Events for Graduate Students and TAs

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

- Dealing with Classroom and Student Conflict, virtually via Zoom, Tues. Nov. 7, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Achieving Balance in Teaching, Research, and Life: Time Management Strategies for Teaching Assistants, in-person in DB 1014 or virtually via Zoom, Mon. Nov. 13, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Managing Disruptions in the Classroom, in-person in DB 1014, Thurs. Nov. 16, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. [Register.](#)
- Trauma-Informed Pedagogies Series: Sexual orientation and gender equity, virtually via Zoom, Thurs. Nov. 16, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Land Acknowledgements by Non-Indigenous Folks, virtually via Zoom, Wed. Nov. 22, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. [Register.](#)
- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Learning Outcomes, virtually via Zoom, Tues. Dec. 5, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. [Register.](#)
- Introduction to Integrated Course Design for Graduate Students: Assessment, virtually via Zoom, Tues. Dec. 12, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. [Register.](#)



Graduate Students Instructional Skills Workshop

This NEW offering, an [internationally recognized certificate](#), is a peer-based workshop where participants will teach 10-minute lessons and give and receive feedback from the learner perspective.

Limited spaces available in our first offering, Monday November 20, Tuesday November 21, and Wednesday November 22, 9am-4:30pm IN-PERSON in DB 1014.

[Learn more and register!](#) – Please note that registration closes on Sunday November 12, 11:59pm

Alternatively, [add your name and contact information to our waitlist.](#)



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Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

This certificate consists 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. We are offering both courses in the Winter term.

[Register for "How do you know learning happens? - Winter 2024 In-person Course"](#)
[Register for "How do you know teaching happens? - Winter 2024 Virtual Course"](#)



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Resources and Supports for Teaching at York

- 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.](#)
- 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.
NEW: [Facilitating Dialogue and Challenging Conversations in the Classroom](#)



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