

GATA and Graduate Student Development Opportunities at the CTL!

The GATA Network

GATA Network. The GATA Network Development Team works with GAs and TAs across campus, introducing them to mentors and resources they will need to improve their pedagogical knowledge and skills. On campus, new and experienced GAs and TAs can meet face-to-face at learning communities, workshops, and practice sessions. Find the Network on Twitter (@GATANetwork) and on Facebook (fb.me/GATANetwork).

Local GA/TA Communities. The GATA Network will assist small groups with on-site discussions or workshops. Yes, we'll come to you! Just let us know which skills your group is interested in developing. Contact us at gata@uwindsor.ca.

Towards Better Teaching - GATA Network Blog.

Visit cleo.uwindsor.ca/gata/ to find information on the theory behind teaching and learning, tips, dilemmas, scenarios, comics courtesy of Sharpie Sandbox, profiles of UWindsor GAs and TAs, and information about upcoming events. Comments and questions are welcome.

CLEW Learning Modules. The Network's online modules are flexible, allowing you to learn independently and at your own pace. Topics include lesson planning, facilitating discussions, assessment, and teaching with technology.

CTL Support

Observations and Consultations. GAs and TAs who want feedback on their teaching may request a classroom/laboratory/tutorial observation, followed by confidential written and verbal advice about both strengths and recommended changes. We are also available throughout the year to meet with you to discuss teaching and learning issues, methodologies, philosophies . . . if it's about teaching and learning, we're happy to chat!

Teaching Dossier Academy. A week-long summer event involving workshops and mentoring to help you create a teaching dossier that presents you at your best. The CTL is also happy to provide advice, mentoring, and support to help you create stellar teaching dossiers -- throughout the year.

Teaching and Learning Workshops. Keep an eye on the CTL website for details about workshops available to all UWindsor community members -- including GAs and TAs.

Full and Half Courses

University Teaching Certificate (UTC) Program. The UTC Program is designed to help academics develop as scholarly teachers engaged in evidence-based, theoretically-grounded pedagogy, course-design, mentoring, and assessment.

Graduate Courses

Learning-Centred Teaching in Higher Education: Principles and Practices. A 3-credit course open to graduate students from all faculties that introduces issues, concepts, trends, and effective practices in university teaching and learning as well as a multitude of approaches to systematically improve instruction. You will learn how to find and use scholarly information about teaching and learning, which you can use to deal strategically with common issues and topics. Course content includes active learning methods in large classes, diversity and inclusivity, teaching critical thinking and problem solving skills, case-based teaching, discussion-based teaching, and the use of feedback to support learning. You are expected to adapt what you learn to suit your own disciplinary teaching context.

Course Design for Constructive Alignment. A 3-credit course open to graduate students from all faculties that introduces you to effective principles and practices regarding syllabus creation, sequencing of course content, cohesion of a course with other courses, identifying what students can be expected to know, predicting time needed for completion of course requirements, creating effective learning outcomes, aligning outcomes with lessons and assessments to support deep learning, and using multiple means to regularly evaluate the quality of the course and teaching. By the end of the course, you should have a well-designed course that any department in your discipline should be pleased to offer. You will be encouraged to seek out models of exemplary courses in your own discipline.

Half Courses

Leading Effective Discussions. A six-week half-course in which you will learn about, and practice using, discussion-based teaching methods.

Lecturing and Presentation. A six-week half-course in which you will learn about, and practice using, pedagogically sound lecturing and presentation techniques.

Online Education. A six-week half-course in which you will learn about, and practice using, online education techniques suitable to face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses.

Don't forget about **GATAcademy** -- a special fall workshop series designed especially for GAs and TAs. The next GATAcademy will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014. And watch for GATA Winter Academy in January 2015!