

# Teaching Commons News



## It is summer at last!

At the Teaching Commons, the spring has been busy with STAY, TIF, and training related to grant-funded eLearning and EE courses. Now that summer is here, the Teaching Commons is in planning mode.

## In Brief

### eLearning Bootcamp

July 15, 10am to 3pm

### Instructional Skills Workshop

July 18, 20, and 22  
9am to 5:30pm

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August 15, 16, and 17  
9am to 5:30pm

### Welcome to York Day

August 30

Email

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for more information

### New Faculty Orientation Teaching Focus Day

August 31

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for more information

### Managing Student Expectations and Behaviours

September 1

9:30am to 12pm

## The Instructional Skills Workshops

The ISW is a 3-day intensive experiential learning program designed to develop teaching skills for both new and experienced instructors. Offered within a small-group setting, the ISW affords the participants the opportunity to teach mini-lessons and receive feedback from the other attendees. Participants gain useful theoretical and practical knowledge to enhance their teaching. We will be offering workshops in:

**Dates:** July 18th, 20th, and 22nd, 2016 from 9am to 5:30pm

**Location:** Technology Enhance Learning Building TEL 1014

[Register for the Instructional Skills Workshop on July 18th, 20th, and 22nd, 2016.](#)

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## Managing student expectations and behaviours in the classroom: Planning

An increasingly diverse student population makes it easier to have a mismatch between instructor and student expectations. Unfortunately, disruptive behaviour can dramatically diminish the effectiveness of a course and cause great stress for the instructor. In this interactive workshop we investigate best practices for avoiding misunderstandings based on differing expectations, and list strategies and suggestions for dealing with disruptive behaviours should they occur. Tips and strategies for managing instructor stress and improving your own overall wellness when dealing with classroom situations will be discussed.



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## eLearning



This one day intensive workshop is designed to provide you with 'basic training' for getting started with eLearning. The focus will be on helping colleagues who are interested in eLearning but have limited experience to start integrating technologies in teaching. This workshop introduces and demonstrates how faculty members can take advantage of technological tools in various ways to promote learning using various modes of eLearning delivery. You will have opportunities for hands-on work and to try out various eLearning tools, including some clever ones in Moodle you may not know exist! Contributions from the Learning Technology Service will be included.

**Date:** July 15th from 10am to 3pm

**Location:** Technology Enhance Learning Building TEL 2114

[Register for the eLearning Bootcamp on July 15, 2016.](#)

## EduCATE is accepting applications!

This one year program (September to August) is for faculty to explore any aspect of teaching and learning by engaging in action research. Faculty will meet once a month with core members of EduCATE or as part of an Action Learning Set. Through a peer-based structure, participants will form a Community of Practice as they develop, discuss, collaborate, and support each other while working through personal goals and a research project.

**Follow this link:** <http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/for-cds/workshops-and-courses-for-cds/courses/educate/>

## TC News

### The TC Annual Retreat

In late June the Teaching Commons held its annual retreat at Steelcase Worklife Centre in downtown Toronto for an opportunity to reflect on the past year and plan ahead. Among our many accomplishments, we started EduCATE and offered a series of webinars.

While our primary foci will remain eLearning, Experiential Education and First-Year Experience, we also have plans to increase our faculty-specific workshops and events. In addition to EduCATE, a new program focused on the scholarship of teaching and learning will start in the fall. This year the TC went through a voluntary external review both to enhance our practices and to gain knowledge and expertise about cyclical program review, in an effort to better support academic units going through CPR. Our programming this year is informed by the review findings.

