



In Fall 2017, the Office of Academic Affairs approved the revival of the Institute for Teaching and Learning, which had been defunct for several years. The revival was led by Janet Bean (Coordinator of General Education), Michelle Byrne (Director of Assessment), Aimée deChambeau (Dean of University Libraries), and Wendy Lampner (Director of Design and Development Services).

The University of Akron's Institute for Teaching and Learning's mission is to support faculty by focusing on improving teaching and enhancing student learning. We offer workshops, information sessions, and training related to professional development, general education, student learning assessment, course design and development, and implementation of technology to enhance teaching.

The goals for ITL in its first year of revival were to:

1. Promote faculty development and improved teaching in through a centralized, well-known, and respected unit on campus.
2. Cross-pollinate professional development initiatives, particularly those related to academic program assessment, general education, Design and Development Services, and University Libraries.
3. Allow for centralized promotion, scheduling, and registration for professional development events.
4. Document faculty professional development activities for faculty use (merit, RTP, NTT Evaluation) and institutional use (HLC accreditation).

Event Highlights



27
events



216
total attendees

Grant Distributions

awarded **10 \$500** mini-grants
to help faculty recipients improve information literacy in their courses.

Calendar of Events

Sept 26 & 27	Program Review: What to Expect
Oct 9 & 10	Gen Ed Assessment Overview
Nov 8 & 15	Assessment Roundtable
Nov 16	Test Integrity
Nov 20	Race Talk in the Classroom
Nov 28	Power of Creative Prototyping
Jan – Feb	Assessment Reset: ITL Assessment Series
Mar 8	Supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorders on our College Campus
Mar 14	How to Apply for ITL Summer Mini-Grant
Apr 6	Friday Faculty Workspace I
Apr 13	Friday Faculty Workspace II
Apr 20	Friday Faculty Workspace III
Apr 27	Friday Faculty Workspace IV
May 4	Friday Faculty Workspace V
May 8	ITL Summer Mini-Grant Kickoff Meeting
May 11	Friday Faculty Workspace VI
May 16	General Education Assessment: Arts
May 17	General Education Assessment: Humanities
May 18	General Education Assessment: Natural Sciences
May 21	General Education Assessment: Social Sciences I
May 22	General Educations Assessment: Social Sciences II