



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.

Event Highlights



52

events



782

total attendees



306

unique attendees

Key Accomplishments

- Supported faculty as they adapted to online and hybrid teaching through workshops and consultations
- Implemented an online midterm student feedback survey
- Shifted all course evaluations online, in conjunction with IT
- Developed a digital process for RTP and NTT evaluation and provided workshops, training materials, and consultations for its implementation
- Moved support programs for new faculty online, including New Faculty Orientation, New Faculty Learning Community, and mentoring partnerships with experienced faculty
- Initiated a peer-mentoring program for part-time faculty
- Awarded ITL Teaching Innovation Mini-Grants to ten faculty
- Sponsored the first Instructional Skills Workshop in Ohio (internationally recognized faculty development program)

Grant Distributions

awarded **10 \$500** mini-grants
to help faculty recipients redesign their courses
to improve student engagement.

Goals for 2020-2021

- Develop part-time faculty new faculty orientation (with HR)
- Create teaching endorsement/badges program (with DDS)
- Establish and manage ITL budget
- Create ITL Advisory Board
- Initiate ITL Faculty Fellows program, one FT and one PT faculty (if funding is available)
- Develop/offer programming that promotes equity/diversity/inclusion in the classroom (in collaboration with Office of Inclusion and Equity, Rethinking Race, and Ohio Professional Development Consortium)
- Faculty Learning Community for Interdisciplinary Learning
- Celebration of Learning: Senior Capstone Projects (expanding on the models of Engineering Design Day and senior art exhibitions/music recitals)
- Continue regular programming for faculty development, new faculty support, and curricular development and assessment
- Revise ITL website

Calendar of Events

July 20-24	Online Live and Hybrid Teaching Workshop
Aug 3-7	Online Live and Hybrid Teaching Workshop
Aug 12,13,19	Open Hours: Teaching with MS Teams
Aug 13, 17	Getting Ready for Week 1
Aug 18, 26	Open Hours: Teaching with WebEx
Aug 20	New Faculty Orientation
Aug 27 & 28	Digitizing your RTP File
Sept 3 & 8	Digitizing your RTP File
Sept 3	Open Hours: Troubleshooting MS Teams
Sept 11	New Faculty Learning Community
Sept 14	RTP Chairs: Using MS Teams
Sept 25	New Faculty Learning Community
Sept 28 & 29	Academic Program Assessment Workshop
Oct 8	Steal My Idea
Oct 9	New Faculty Learning Community
Oct 23	New Faculty Learning Community
Nov 10 & 11	Flexibility in Time of COVID
Nov 13	New Faculty Learning Community
Nov 20	New Faculty Learning Community
Dec 1 & 3	NTT Faculty Workshop: Digitizing your Evaluation File
Jan 6	Just in Time: Recharging Your Syllabus for Student Engagement
Jan 7-8	Effective Teaching in Trying Times: Six Steps to a Better Course (for PT faculty)
Jan 27	Academic Program Assessment Peer Review: Introductory Training
Jan 28	Submitting Your Capstone Course for Integrated and Applied Learning Credit
Feb 3 & 4	General Education Workshop: Course Renewal for DD, GD, CI
Feb 5	Academic Program Assessment Peer Review: Getting Started
Feb 11,12	Best Practices for Part-Time Faculty Peer Review
Feb 14	Submitting Your Capstone Course for Integrated and Applied Learning Credit
Feb 19	Anti-Racist Community Engagement Debrief
Feb 24	Supporting Undergraduate Research in Pandemic Conditions
Mar 12	Professional Development Opportunities for Part-Time Faculty
Apr 27	Lessons Learned from Pandemic Teaching: Keeping What Works
Apr 29	Preparing Your Digital NTT Evaluation File
May 4	Preparing Your Digital NTT Evaluation File
May 10	Coffee and Conversation: Part-Time Faculty Peer Review Debrief
May 17-19	Instructional Skills Workshop
May 26	ITL Teaching Innovation Mini-Grants: Kick-Off Workshop
June 2	Academic Program Assessment Peer Review: Intersession Workshop
June 10	Co-curricular Assessment: Getting Started
June 15 & 22	Co-curricular Assessment: Development Workshops