



Center for Excellence in  
**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

## TEACHING SUPPORT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

### Instructional Consulting

Instructional consulting services are customized to fit faculty members' needs. The faculty member will meet one-on-one with a center staff member to discuss goals and/or instructional issues and then develop a plan. Examples include assistance with planning a new course, designing a syllabus, using instructional strategies, and designing assignments.

### Teaching Observations

A center staff member will observe you teaching and then meet with you to discuss the observation, provide suggestions for improvement, and send you a written summary. For more information about the different types of observations that the center offers, visit our website.

### Mid-Semester Feedback

A mid-semester feedback session is an opportunity to receive structured feedback from your students regarding the functioning of the class and the quality of student learning. What aspects of the class are going well? What changes in the course delivery would benefit student learning? A center staff member will visit your class and engage students in a small group instructional diagnosis technique. Student feedback is then prioritized, summarized, and shared with you in a follow-up meeting.

### Program/Departmental Consulting

The center partners with programs and departments to offer customized services. Examples of these services include curriculum mapping, customized workshops retreats, customized certificates, support for departmental initiatives, and program/departmental specific course design.

### Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

To support faculty interested in conducting and publishing their teaching as research, the center offers workshops, consulting, grants, and a writing retreat.

### Learning Communities

Learning communities pursue interdisciplinary inquiry into specific issues and questions about teaching and learning in higher education. Through meaningful collective inquiry, the learning communities program seeks to foster a collegial environment that values pedagogical exploration and promotes collaborative learning. Please visit our website to learn more about the various learning communities being offered for 2019-20:

- [Collegiate Faculty](#)
- [Adjunct Faculty](#)
- [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning \(SoTL\) Writing](#)
- [Group Exploring Tools for Group Work and Peer Review](#)
- [Design Methods for Student Learning](#)

### Book Clubs

Each semester, the center sponsors book clubs for faculty to engage in conversations surrounding teaching and learning. Please visit our website to learn more about the two Fall 2019 offerings:

1. [iGen \(Twenge\)](#)
2. [A Concise Guide to Improving Student Learning \(Persellin & Daniels\)](#)

### Principles of Effective Teaching Certificate

The certificate program is designed to provide faculty with the opportunity to develop their pedagogical knowledge and skills over the course of an academic year. The program addresses topics such as instructional strategies and design, measurement of student learning, classroom management, logistical considerations (e.g. teaching small vs large classes), assignment design, and learning environments.

### Instructional Grants

The center's instructional grants are designed for faculty members to engage in the development of instructional skills, the application of effective teaching strategies, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Please visit our website to learn more about our grants.

# FALL WORKSHOPS

Course Design Clinic  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

August 7 - 8

NEW

Assignment Design Clinic  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

August 13, 9:00-4:00

Transforming Your Lectures with Presentation Techniques and Active Learning Strategies  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

October 2, 2:30-4:30

NEW

Strategies and Techniques for Collaborative Team Teaching  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1120

October 11, 1:00-3:30

Models and Methods for Implementing Group Work into Courses  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1120

October 16, 9:30-12:00

How to Use Student Feedback to Enhance the Learning Environment  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

October 23, 1:00-4:00

NEW

Techniques for Promoting Student Success in Introductory Courses  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

October 25, 1:00-4:00

Creating Time for Student Engagement in Class  
Torgersen Hall, RM 1100

November 1, 1:00-3:30

Course Design Clinic  
Location TBD

January 9 - 10, 2020

Register today at [teaching.vt.edu/programs/workshops.html](http://teaching.vt.edu/programs/workshops.html)

## UPDATES

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Hall

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