

# INSIDE CTL

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## Spread the Word

Please forward *Inside CTL* to sessional lecturers and teaching assistants in your units so that they are aware of Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) supports and events.

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## CTL's New Professional Development Course for Faculty

CTL is piloting an eight-month professional development course, **Exploring Best Practices in Teaching and Learning**, to help UTSC faculty and instructors engage deeply with pedagogical best practices across many topics. The course will provide a sense of the broader pedagogical literature and offer a space for critical discussion about how best practices affect our students, teaching contexts and environments. It will run between September 2021 and April 2022. Applications are being accepted from Thursday, July 1 to Friday, July 16.

For more information, read the FAQ page and syllabus [here](#).

Please fill out the application form [here](#).

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## Student Supports

### English Language Development Support: Workshops and Consultations

Let your students know about our upcoming workshops on academic reading and

writing skills:

The Grammar for Academic Writing workshop series includes “Avoiding Common Grammatical Errors” on Tuesday, June 29 (offered 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.) and “Editing and Revising” on Monday, July 5 (offered 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.).

The Reading Skills for Academic Success sessions include “Key Strategies to Expand Your Vocabulary for Academic Reading” on Tuesday, June 29 (offered 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.), “Improve Your Note-taking Skills” on Monday, July 5 (offered 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.), “Effective Mind-mapping and Outlining Strategies” on Monday, July 5 (offered 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.) and “Enhancing Your Critical Thinking and Critical Reading Abilities” on Monday, July 5 (offered 10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.).

Students can learn more and register [here](#).

[English Language Development \(ELD\) consultations](#) can direct students toward ELD programming that will best support them. These one-on-one consultations can be booked on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer. Students can register [here](#).

### **Online Mathematics Preparedness Course**

If you know a student who is entering the University of Toronto Scarborough this year, let them know about CTL’s [Online Mathematics Preparedness Course](#). The short, intensive online program, supervised by UTSC faculty, introduces the assignments, expectations and experiences that they will encounter in UTSC math courses. Students who receive 65 per cent or higher in this non-credit course can use it as a prerequisite for BIOA01H3, MATA29H3, MATA30H3 or MATA32H3. The course runs from Monday, Aug. 2 to Monday, Aug. 23. Registration deadline is July 19. Register [here](#).

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## **Events**

### **Course (Re)Design: Rethinking Your Course in a COVID-19 Era Thursday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

The COVID-19 pandemic forced instructors to engage with new technologies, which allowed courses to be reimaged in creative ways. In this webinar, we will share effective approaches to course design including course design frameworks, developing innovative assessments and selecting activities to support student learning throughout lectures. We will also discuss how technologies are coupled to engage students with the content and each other.

Facilitators:

Dr. Krystle Phirangee, Educational Developer, Assessment and Online Learning, CTL

Dina Soliman, Frontline Educational Technology Specialist, CTL

Register [here](#).

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### **Virtual Support in Summer 2021**

CTL supports are available exclusively online in Summer 2021. Visit our [Academic Continuity site](#) to learn more about how CTL helps instructors transition to online learning. Please direct students to our [Academic Learning Support site](#) for online tutoring, workshops and peer supports.

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### **Additional Resources**

Additional teaching resources are available at the [Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation website](#).