

## Teaching Resources for Graduate Students at UI

### Graduate Certificate in College Teaching

The Graduate Certificate in College Teaching provides the necessary coursework and supervised experiences to prepare graduate students for careers in post-secondary education. The Certificate is available to all University of Iowa Ph.D., or other terminal degree students enrolled in the Graduate College.

The three-part program includes:

- Required course work
- College teaching practicum
- Ph.D. ePortfolio

Website:

<https://education.uiowa.edu/services/office-graduate-teaching-excellence-ogte/graduate-certificate-college-teaching>

### Grad Success Office

#### Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching & Learning (CIRTL)

Professional Development Opportunities for Graduate Students:

- Career exploration and preparation
- External fellowships and grant writing help
- Departmental workshops
- CIRTL local and national programming and Teaching-as-Research (TAR) project development and implementation
  - National certification
  - Funds for conference travel for TAR projects

Website: <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/professional-development>

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### OFLT Center for Teaching

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Services for Postdocs and Graduate Students

- Monthly workshops on key issues in teaching and learning
- Departmental workshops and trainings
- One-on-one consultations
- New TA Orientation (August)
- TA Teaching Institute (January)
- Course Design Fundamentals (spring break)
- Cultivating Excellence in Teaching Credential
- Classroom observation and feedback
- Academic job preparation

### Rhetoric Department Courses and Programs

#### PEDAGOGY COURSES:

#### **RHET/CLAS:5100 College Teaching for TAs**

This 1 s.h. cross-disciplinary course offers TAs an efficient introduction to practical teaching concerns, such as planning and structuring courses, creating collaborative active learning experiences, managing

classroom dynamics, and evaluating student work. The main course project is a statement of teaching philosophy.

**RHET:5352 Seminar: Topics in Teaching & Professional Development**

This advanced teaching seminar offers TAs with some classroom experience an opportunity to expand their instructional repertoires and deepen their understanding of pedagogical principles and curricular design. The course prepares students for the academic job market via the development of a digital portfolio.

**RHET:5375 Teaching in a Writing Center**, which prepares graduate students to teach in the UI Writing Center or similar settings. The seminar introduces students to important themes in writing students, including reading/writing processes, tutoring strategies, and ELL needs. The course includes practicum experience tutoring in the Writing Center.

We also offer a couple of resources, including the **Graduate Pedagogy Studio (GPS)**

**Additional professional development courses** include Writing in the Disciplines, Public Speaking for Academics, and Science Communication in the Digital Age.

**Iowa Digital Engagement and Learning**

**IDEAL** offers pedagogical support for any graduate student (or faculty member) who wants to use digital tools in their classroom. We offer consultation on assignment design, technical and logistical support during the assignment process, and tutoring for students engaged in digital classroom projects. IDEAL works with graduate students to develop pedagogies that combine active learning, public engagement, and digital tools. Contact us at [IDEAL@uiowa.edu](mailto:IDEAL@uiowa.edu) to schedule a consultation.