

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Graduate School's

**Best Practices in Teaching Programs
for Graduate Teaching Assistants and Associates,
Postdoctoral Lecturers, and New Faculty**

Best Practices in Teaching program provides opportunities to discuss teaching-related issues with new and experienced faculty and peers from across the university. This program does not take the place of programs in pedagogy that your department may offer but supplements that coursework. This program will, however, offer broader discussion of best practices in teaching than any one department or unit can offer and will introduce you to excellent teachers/mentors from across the disciplines.



The program will offer seven sessions in the Fall and Spring Semesters. Individuals interested in the program need to register at the beginning of the term in which they plan to participate. Participants will be required to submit a short critique of each session they attend and, at the end of the program, a teaching portfolio that will be reviewed and returned to the participant for later use. All sessions are expected to last from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. For more information on this program, see the section called Best Practices in Teaching Program located in the New Graduate Student Online Orientation.

Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your participation in the program. This certificate should be a welcome addition to the dossier that you may need in applying for a teaching position or for retention/promotion. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and join us in the program.

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Register online at <http://gradschool.utk.edu/orientation/teaching.shtml>.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Sessions	Fall 2009	Spring 2010
1. Introduction to Best Practices in Teaching What you need to know about UT students	September 9	January 27
2. Preparing a good syllabus The teaching portfolio	September 16	February 3
3. Addressing classroom expectations and civility Distressed student protocol	September 23	February 10
4. How to incorporate writing assignments and oral presentations in your classes	September 30	February 17
5. Library resources: Using Blackboard and email effectively in teaching	October 7	February 24
6. Diversity in the classroom: Teaching in the 21st century	October 21	March 3
7. Making mentoring work for you in your academic/research/professional career Wrap-up of Best Practices in Teaching	October 28	March 17

Teaching portfolios for Fall 2009 are due Friday, November 20
Teaching portfolios for Spring 2010 are due Friday, April 2

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