

TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER

Mission

UTHSC's Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) promotes student success through programs, services, and partnerships that support our educators in their pursuit of teaching excellence.

Vision

The Teaching and Learning Center will be a leader and a primary resource for best practices in educating UTHSC students.

Values

The staff of the TLC are committed to providing excellent and responsive service to:

- Develop programming within the context of evidence-based pedagogical practice;
- Promote inclusive learning environments;
- Collaborate within and outside of UTHSC to provide top-quality academic support; and
- ♦ Encourage and enable innovation and creativity.

Areas of Focus

The Teaching and Learning Center:

- Consults with and provides resources to faculty for identifying strategies to help meet pedagogical goals;
- Identifies and supports the effective use of technology for teaching and learning;
- Works with departments, colleges, and the university on issues related to teaching and learning;
- Identifies, shares and contributes to literature, best practices, and other local and national conversations related to the scholarship of teaching and learning.



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Amy Hall

Secretary, SGEA special interest group: Staff Professionals Across the Continuum of Education in Medical Education (S.P.A.C.E.), Association of American Medical Colleges

Nicole House

Program Reviewer for the NASPA (National Association of Student Affairs Administrators) events

2020 Leadership Educators Institute 2021 NASPA Strategies Conferences 2021 NASPA Virtual Conference

Tom Laughner

Program Reviewer, 2020 POD Conference

Conference Lead, POD's Healthcare Educational Development SIG







Advancing the Research and Practice of Educational Development in Higher Education Since 1976

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Services

- **♦** Consultations
- ♦ College and department specific workshops
- Online resources
- ♦ Electronic news and announcements email list

Highlights

- ♦ New Online Asynchronous Self-Paced Courses
 - ♦ Remote Teaching: Asynchronous Virtual Lectures
 - ♦ Remote Teaching: Humanizing Your Online Course
- New Web Resource Collections
 - Preparing to Teach Remotely
 - ♦ Clinical Faculty Resources

https://www.uthsc.edu/afsa/academic-continuity/preparing.php

https://www.uthsc.edu/tlc/clinical-faculty-resources/index.php

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TLC's semi-regular periodical containing teaching narratives of UTHSC instructors and information for effective instruction.





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The Teaching Excellence Institute is a year-long cohort based program on specific topics related to teaching and learning.

2019-2020

- Instructors New to Teaching
- Residents as Educators (partnership with College of Medicine; suspended due to Covid-19)

2020-2021

- Instructors New to Teaching
- Clinical Educators
- Pedagogy of the Social Determinants of Health (partnership with Health Disparities Education and Community Engagement)
- Universal Design for Learning (partnership with SASSI)





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Certificate Recipients

Instructors New to Teaching

College of Health Professions Kim Carter, PT, ScDPT, NCS Jacen S. Moore, PhD, MT (ASCP) Chelsea Peeler, MCP, HTL(ASCP) CM, CTCM

College of Medicine Lauren King, MD Melissa Taylor, PhD Nour Yadak, MD College of Nursing Kimberly Hatler, APN Sally Humphrey, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC Janet Adams Tucker, PhD, MSN, RNC-OB

College of Pharmacy Alina Cernasev, PhD, PharmD Elizabeth A. Hall, PharmD, BC Tyler Marie Kiles, PharmD, BC-ADMPS, BCPPS Gregory T. Sneed, PharmD Chao-Yie Yang, PhD







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The TLC Medallion Program helps instructors master skills in areas related to teaching and learning while providing evidence of growth in professional development. Three medallions, *Craft of Teaching, Simulation* (partnering with CHIPS), and *Information Literacy* (partnering with the Library) are now available. The *Inclusive Learning* medallion is being developed with SASSI.



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2020 Webinars

- Interpreting Student Ratings of Instruction
- Active Learning in Remote and Face to Face Courses
- Practical Strategies for Creating an Inclusive Learning Environment
- ♦ An Overview of Quality Matters
- Best Practices for Designing Effective Online Courses
- Designing Scaffolds to Support Student Learning
- Effective Feedback and Evaluation: Best Practices for Improvement
- ♦ Team Based Learning in the Virtual Environment
- ♦ Collaboration with Office 365
- ♦ Cultural Sensitivity and Competence in Experiential Learning







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♦ February: Nashville

College of Pharmacy

"Hidden Curriculum"

"Assessment Strategies and Feedback"

General Surgery, College of Medicine

"Leadership Skills"

"Assessment Strategies and Feedback"

"Conflict Resolution"

Internal Medicine and OBGYN, College of Medicine

"Setting Expectations"

"Glving Lectures"

"Hidden Curriculum"

"Active Learning Strategies"

"Intro to teaching and M3 Evaluations"

Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine,

College of Medicine

"Assessment Strategies and Feedback"

"Active Learning Strategies"

June: Jackson (virtual)

Family Practice, College of Medicine

"Writing Effective Learning Objectives"

"Curriculum Development and Review"

"Giving Effective Feedback"









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Focus Area One

The Teaching and Learning Center consults with and provides resources to instructors for identifying strategies to help meet pedagogical goals.

UTHSC faculty have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with their colleagues. The faculty listed on this page led workshops and webinars, collaborated on TLC publications, and offered to advise other faculty on issues related to teaching and learning in 2020. We are grateful for the assistance we have received from them.

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Janet Tucker, PhD Assistant Professor

Mona Wicks, PhD Professor

College of Pharmacy

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Sarah Eudaley, PharmD Assistant Professor

Andrea Franks, PharmD Professor

Kirk Hevener, PhD Assistant Professor

Chelsea Renfro, PharmD Assistant Professor

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Workshops and webinars offered by TLC

250

Subscribers to Opt-In TLC Listserv

25

Faculty serving as workshop or webinar leaders

Workshop Enrollment

214

Dentistry Graduate Health Sciences

57 299

Health Professions Medicine

200 136

Nursing Pharmacy

67 988 Other Total

Individual Consultations

24 33

Dentistry Graduate Health Sciences

58 37

Health Professions Medicine

137 49

Nursing Pharmacy

13 351 Other Total

Focus Area Two

The Teaching and Learning Center identifies and supports the effective use of technology for teaching and learning.

Services

- Consultations on selecting appropriate software to support learning goals
- ◆ Technology support for tools in UTHSC's academic technology ecosystem
- Workshops and tutoring sessions for supported software, including training sessions for students

Highlights

- ♦ In partnership with IT, replaced the audience response system with Poll Everywhere, including training, documentation, authentication, and migrating instructor questions from TurningPoint
- ♦ Redesigned technology section of TLC to focus on pedagogical uses of the tools
- ♦ In collaboration with Information Technology Services, recalibrated Blackboard support
- ♦ Added Name Coach to the academic technology ecosystem. This tool aligns with efforts for inclusive learning as it allows students to record their names as they should be pronounced and designate their preferred pronouns. The information appears in Blackboard
- ♦ Added Eesysoft to Blackboard, providing increased support tools for students and instructors
- University wide and college department technology workshops for remote learning, including Zoom, MyMediaSite, and Poll Everywhere
- New workshops on the pedagogical use of software, and a workshop series, titled Appy Hour, focused on useful, easy-to-use web-based apps
 - ♦ Assignment Essentials that Encourage Active Learning in Blackboard
 - ♦ Pasta on the Wall: Four Ways to Make Learning Stick in Blackboard
 - Plant a Tree Before Chopping Down the Forest: Clearing the Path for Learners in Virtual Environments
- New Blackboard Online Course Template based on best practices and Quality Matters (QM) standards

Qualities of Tools in an Effective Academic Technology Ecosystem

- Useable
- Robust
- Supportable
- Scalable
- Accessible
- Affordable



Focus Area Three

The Teaching and Learning Center works with departments, colleges, and the university on issues related to teaching and learning.

Peer Review of Teaching

- Partnership with College of Nursing to train and consult with faculty doing peer reviews
- Partnership with College of Pharmacy to train and assist with peer reviews

Curriculum Review

- Midwifery, College of Nursing
- Jackson Family Medicine, College of Medicine
- TIP Track 3D, College of Dentistry

"Their expertise in curriculum development, clinical evaluation and instituting best practices in setting up Blackboard was invaluable as we worked together to create seven new courses designed specifically for nurse midwifery students."

> Kate Fouquier, CNM, PhD, FACNM Professor, College of Nursing

Course Redesign

♦ Collaboration with Nashville College of Pharmacy faculty to redesign a course for blended learning

Inclusive Learning

- Participation in College of Pharmacy's Inclusive Classroom Working Group
- Universal Design for Learning track of Teaching Excellence Institute
- Collaboration with College of Pharmacy faculty and students to develop an online learning course to promote inclusivity, learning, and engagement for minority pharmacy students

https://uthscsnpha.edublogs.org/

Student Assessment

 Launched project with College of Dentistry to revise student assessments of D3 and D4 students (paused due to COVID)

Faculty Recognition

Participation in College of Medicine's Academy of Master Educators program

Focus Area Four

The Teaching and Learning Center identifies, shares and contributes to literature, best practices, and other local and national conversations related to the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Presentations/Posters

- House, Nicole. Cast Like a PRO: Headline Learning and Level Up Accessibility. Mississippi Educational Computing Association. February 2020.
- Herr, Michael; Taylor, Melissa; Laughner, Thomas. *Utilization of TLC (poster)*. International Association of Medical Science Educators. June 2020.
- ♦ Laughner, Thomas; Harder, Dan. Sharing the Torch: Fostering the Academic Mission Through IT-Teaching Learning Center Collaboration (poster). Information Technology in Academic Medicine (AAMC). June 2020. (conference canceled)

Grants

- ♦ Hohmeier, Kenneth; House, Nicole; Kiles, Tyler. Promoting Inclusion and Engagement for Online Learning. UTHSC Office of Equity and Diversity Mini-Grant. \$2500.
- Kiles, Tyler; Cernasev, Alina; Scott, Devin. "Choose Your Own Adventure" pedagogical tool in College of Pharmacy to enhance student pharmacist critical thinking skills. UTHSC-College of Pharmacy Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Seed Grant. \$3120.
- Laughner, Thomas; Brooks, Laurie; Gibbs, Kathy; Scott, Devin. Universal Design for Learn ing: Creating a Culture for Change. UTHSC Office of Equity and Diversity Mini-Grant. \$2500.

The Year Ahead

Major Initiatives for 2021

- ♦ TLC Connect. An online database that allows instructors with similar pedagogical interests to find each other
- Online Resources. Curated publications, media, and other resources on faculty wellness, inclusive learning, and information specific to department chairs
- Transition to Blackboard Ultra
- ♦ Learning communities, initially focused on faculty preparing for the Certified Nurse Educator exam
- ♦ Teaching Excellence Institute tracks launching in Summer 2021
 - » Instructors New to Teaching
 - » Clinical Educators
 - » Residents as Educators
 - » The Pedagogy of the Social Determinants of Health
 - » Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Teaching and Learning