



University Services: The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

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The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was established as a source of pedagogical expertise for the University of Detroit Mercy faculty. Our mission at the CETL is to:

- Promote inquiry
- Inspire perspectives
- Support methodology
- Innovate teaching and scholarship

This summer, the CETL staff coordinated an in-house event in conjunction with Academic Affairs called Colleague Development Days. This annual event, comprised of a series of training, workshops, and panels facilitated by Detroit Mercy faculty for our very own community, was a great success. We also had the honor of supporting New Faculty Onboarding this Fall and got the opportunity to meet all the wonderful new faculty throughout the University.



A great deal of our efforts goes toward coordinating professional development opportunities so that faculty may continue to learn and thrive. Click [here](#) to check out both virtual and in-person programming opportunities.

In addition to programming, we provide faculty with a variety of services, which include support in the following areas:

- Course Development
- Assessment/Grading
- Inclusive Teaching Practices
- Curriculum Mapping
- Online Education
- Grant Assistance
- Information & Digital Literacies

The CETL can support faculty with syllabi review, lesson planning, active learning



assignments, and rubric development based on your specific curriculum. Confidential classroom observations can be scheduled to provide faculty with professional feedback. We can also provide support in the areas of digital literacy. Our instructional designers provide faculty with support in creating rubrics, assessments, and all things relating to Blackboard.

To recap, the CETL is a department that supports faculty in all aspects of pedagogical practice, facilitates educational events, and provides support services. We create monthly publications (like this one) which serve the purpose of informing faculty of educational news, best practices, and a space to share educational experiences. Interested in any of the services listed above? Have ideas for faculty programming? Want to contribute to our monthly newsletter? If so, please email cetl@udmercy.edu and a member of our team will contact you as soon as possible.