

# Open Initiatives

## Registration Open: Padlet Pilot Program

The Teaching & Learning Center is excited to announce the new Padlet Pilot Program! [Padlet](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/aayECpYPvKirOlQWsPazja?domain=padlet.com) is an online visual board that can be used to organize and share content. It’s a great tool for facilitating both collaborative and individual activities and projects. The Teaching & Learning Center has procured a trial license, complete with D2L Integration, through December 31, 2023.

Registration for the Padlet Pilot Program is open through Monday, October 23rd. Please visit the [Padlet Pilot Program](https://wcupa.edu/tlc/padlet-pilot.aspx) page of our website for more information about the program and how to register!

# Upcoming Events & Workshops

## New! Teaching Strides

Join us this Fall for a new professional development opportunity that combines physical activity with meaningful conversation! Each Tuesday, meet at the Ram Statue in front of Old Library at 11:30 am to join us for a discussion on a teaching related topic or theme as we walk around campus. To learn more, [visit our website](https://www.wcupa.edu/tlc/events.aspx).

Not interested in walking, but still want to talk about the week’s teaching topic? Join us on Wednesday at 11:30 on [Zoom](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/bVNUC9rmwBIBYLzoU3FfIP?domain=wcupa.zoom.us) for 30 minutes of conversation around each week’s topic.

* 09/12 - Student Engagement Strategies
* 09/19 - Effective Assessment Methods
* 09/26 - Balancing Teaching and Research
* 10/03 - What to Do about AI?

## Registration Open: Teaching with AI Webinar Series

Build your AI literacy by attending a three-part webinar series on incorporating AI tools and strategies into your instructional practice. Hosted by TLC staff, these hour-long Zoom sessions start with a brief overview of generative AI, spend 30 minutes on the session’s topic, and end with time for questions and conversation. The first workshop will focus on **Creating Learning Activities** and will be held on **Friday, October 13**at **10:00am**. [Register for one or both remaining webinars!](https://wcupa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6xHcSAVAjH7HTAW)

## Save the Date: Faculty Fusion

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* **When:** January 17, 2024 from 9:00am to 1:00pm
* **Where:** The Foundation
* **What:** An in-person set of three interactive panels covering hot topics to help you prepare for the new semester.

Panel topics for this winter's event include:

1. Pedagogy of Care: Supporting Mental Health through Instructional Practices
2. Using AI for Teaching
3. Addressing Micro-Aggressions in the Classroom

Each session has 30 minutes of presentation from a faculty panel followed by 20 minutes of Q&A and table conversations with your peers.

Are you interested in being a faculty panelist for one of our topics? Complete the [call for interest form](https://wcupa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cI6UGq0atA437T0) by **Monday, November 6**, and a member of the TLC staff will reach out to learn more about your expertise and ideas.

# Program Updates

## Online Faculty Development Program

Congratulations to **Mark McKibben** for being the first faculty to complete the new and improved, self-paced Online Faculty Development Program!

Faculty interested in completing OFD can now self-enroll into the program’s D2L site using the [Discover feature](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/7yT0CmZPp6InRBpEi4Yqur?domain=wcupaprod.service-now.com) and start working when it fits their schedule.  More details are available in the [New OFD Announcement](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/W29xCn5PqXCo6AXMcPnjCy?domain=wcupa.sharepoint.com). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the Teaching and Learning Center.

If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer for new OFD modules currently under development, please complete the [peer reviewer interest form](https://wcupa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cGprzbFLlq55cO). Selected faculty would spend 2 to 3 hours reviewing content drafts of new modules, providing their feedback and perspective.

# Stay Connected

## Help Us Find Work Study Students

If you know of a student looking for a work study opportunity, the TLC is looking to hire 10 students at five hours a week to be inaugural participants in a new program. Students should use [Handshake](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/sV6MCwplD5TMVO0mt1ZVda?domain=wcupa.joinhandshake.com) to review the position details and submit an application.

## ODLI on Air Podcast

WCU faculty do amazing things. Check out their stories on the ODLI on Air podcast!

* [Bringing Empathy to Nursing Education using 360 Video with Dr. Nancy Barker & Dr. Danielle Yocom](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/FL3nCxkmE5S6RGmVIWVqOX?domain=podcasters.spotify.com)
* [Ram Poll: Gauging Student Opinion Across the State with Dr. Laura Pyott](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/n2xFCyPnG5Fv2j6wfPL8PO?domain=podcasters.spotify.com)

If you are interested in being a guest on the show, email us at [tlc@wcupa.edu](mailto:tlc@wcupa.edu).

Want to record your own podcast? The [audio recording studio](https://www.wcupa.edu/tlc/audio-recording-studio.aspx) is available for reservations.

## Connect with Us

The Teaching and Learning Center is far more than just a newsletter! Our website hosts a variety of [teaching resources](https://www.wcupa.edu/tlc/teaching-resources.aspx) and our full [Event Calendar](https://www.wcupa.edu/tlc/events.aspx). To get in touch, feel free to [send us an email](mailto:tlc@wcupa.edu?subject=), or stop by our [drop-in hours](https://www.wcupa.edu/tlc/drop-in.aspx) to speak live with one of our designers.