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Featured teaching tip sheets

Small changes can have a big impact! View our new checklists for creating [accessible Microsoft Word documents](#), [accessible Microsoft PowerPoint presentations](#), and for [ensuring that your face-to-face presentations are accessible](#). Available online and as a printable PDF.

Save the Date: Teaching and Learning Conference

The 2020 [Teaching and Learning Conference](#) will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Stay tuned for the conference theme and a call for proposals.

Survey results

In Spring 2019, the [Complementary Teaching Assessment Project Team \(CTAPT\)](#) asked for feedback on a proposed literature- and evidence-based definition of teaching effectiveness. Overall, the feedback from campus was very positive. CTAPT has carefully considered the findings from the survey and the suggestions made. The survey results and the revised definition based on consultations are now available: [CTAPT Teaching Effectiveness Survey Results](#). Further updates will be posted on the [CTAPT webpage](#).

Save the date: Educational Technologies Week

Educational Technologies Week is set for the week of March 2 to 6, 2020. The keynote speaker will be Derek Bruff, Director of the Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching and a principal senior lecturer in the Vanderbilt Department of Mathematics. He has written two books: *Intentional Tech: Principles to Guide the Use of Educational Technology in College Teaching* (release date: November 2019) and *Teaching with Classroom Response Systems: Creating Active Learning Environments* (2009).

Faculty Association (FAUW) workshop

October 17 - Join [FAUW](#) for an orientation to the University of Waterloo's location on Haudenosaunee, Anishnabeg, and Attawandaron (Neutral) territory, what Indigenization is all about, and a discussion on our collective responsibilities towards reconciliation. You will find [additional information about the workshop on the FAUW website](#).



University of Waterloo Teaching Awards

The University of Waterloo celebrates teaching that has lasting, positive effects on students and deepens student learning. Consider nominating someone you know for the [Distinguished Teacher Award](#) (deadline: **Friday, January 24, 2020** - contact [Trevor Holmes](#) for more information) or the [Amit and Meena Chakma Award for Exceptional Teaching by a Student](#) (deadline: **Friday, February 14, 2020** - contact [Svitlana Taraban-Gordon](#) for more information).



Planning Ahead

CTE has a number of [upcoming workshops](#), including Teaching and Learning Webinars, PebblePad training sessions, and programming specific to [new faculty](#) and [graduate students](#).

The [Program Outcomes Assessment Learning Community](#) will meet on November 19 to explore the School of Optometry and Vision Science's experiences piloting an objective structured clinical exam (OSCE) during the Winter 2019 term. An OSCE is used to assess clinical performance and competence in a range of skills.

The [Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality Community of Practice](#) will meet on October 28 to chat via Skype with Séamas Weech, an NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow at McGill University. He will share some recent research related to cybersickness.

Register for CTE programming at <https://uwaterloo.gosignmeup.com>.

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The Centre for Teaching Excellence acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River.

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