

Spring 2025 CAT Services, Programming and Resources

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT) will have both in-person and virtual services available for faculty throughout the Spring 2025 semester. We look forward to seeing you!

Visit us at the following locations for:

- Drop-in expert assistance with your teaching and educational technology questions (no appointment necessary)
- Quiet workspaces
- Access to computers, scanners, and printers
- Comfortable lounge area for informal discussions with colleagues

Main Campus CAT: TECH Center (Bell Building), Suite 112

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm

EdTech Lab Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm

Health Sciences Campus CAT: Student Faculty Center, Room 200

Office & EdTech Lab Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:00am-4:30pm

Ambler Campus CAT: Ambler Learning Center, Room 301

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30am-10:00pm; Friday: 8:30am-5:00pm

Note: This self-service lab and workspace is for faculty use only. No CAT consultants are on site.

Virtual Drop-in EdTech Lab: available online via Zoom. The virtual lab is staffed by our Educational Technology Specialists during our regular business hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Visit teaching.temple.edu/teaching-technologies for access.

For more information about our locations, see teaching.temple.edu/about.

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Teaching and Educational Technology Consultations

If you would like uninterrupted, dedicated time with a CAT pedagogy or educational technology specialist, please visit catbooking.temple.edu/appointments to schedule a one-hour in-person or virtual consultation. When making an appointment with a consultant, you can choose an in-person meeting at the Main Campus CAT or Health Sciences Campus CAT, or a virtual (Zoom) meeting. Within the locations, appointment times are categorized by consultation topics offered at the CAT. *If the hours available in the booking system are not feasible for you, please email cat@temple.edu to arrange an alternate time.*

CAT Workshops and Special Events

All CAT programming is designed to align with Temple's commitment to educating a vibrant and diverse community of learners through innovative and inclusive teaching practices, as outlined in the Temple University Mission Statement. All interested Temple instructors and staff are welcome.

Each semester, the CAT offers a mix of in-person and virtual workshops. Visit our [Workshops, Programs and Events web page](#) to browse our lineup of workshops which includes Canvas and Zoom trainings, the Teaching for Equity Institute, Online Teaching Institute, book group discussions, pedagogy and teaching technologies programming, and more! Custom workshops for departments, colleges, and programs are [available upon request](#) on our workshop web page.

Additionally, the CAT hosts special events such as the Annual Faculty Conference on Teaching Excellence, New Faculty Orientation, TA Orientation, and the STEM Educators' Lecture.

On the CAT website, there is also a range of [self-paced, asynchronous tutorials](#) designed to help faculty develop essential teaching skills and integrate powerful tools into their practice.

Classroom Observations

Whether you are implementing a new teaching strategy, trying to solve a teaching challenge, or simply would like to check in with a colleague in order to reflect on your teaching, the CAT offers a variety of services.

- *Classroom Observations*: Set up an observation of your in-person or virtual class
- *Mid-semester Instructional Diagnosis*: A CAT specialist visits your class to gain student consensus on their learning experience, and deliver that feedback to you
- *Course Design*: Work with a pedagogy specialist to design a course using evidence-based principles for delivering significant learning opportunities to your students
- *Curriculum Mapping and Program Assessment*: Get assistance designing and assessing a programmatic curriculum that will provide a pathway for student achievement of your program's goals

Please visit our [Consultations and Observations web page](#) for more information.

Room Reservations

The CAT offers meeting spaces for faculty and staff at our Main Campus location. [Visit CATbooking](#) to book time in one of the following spaces:

- Room 107: Breakout Room (Capacity: 12)
- Room 110A: Collaboration Room (Capacity: 5)
- Room 112G: Consult Room (Capacity: 2)

Resources available on the CAT Website (teaching.temple.edu):

- The [Teaching Technologies resource page](#) contains information and self-paced tutorials on Canvas and Zoom, as well as information on other Temple-supported teaching technologies.
- Our [EdTech Tools Database](#) includes many other tools that may not be Temple-supported but may be useful options for your classes.
- Canvas course shell templates will help you build your online or hybrid course in Canvas. The templates are based on best practices for designing and structuring online courses. Visit our [Design Your Online Course](#) page to learn more.
- Take advantage of our lending library of books on teaching at our Main Campus CAT location available for faculty use. [Browse our collection](#) and stop by to borrow a title.
- Check out our blog, [EDvice Exchange](#) to read weekly posts on timely teaching and learning topics, tech tips, and Center news.

Teaching with AI: Resources and Support

- The CAT has provided guidance to assist you in developing coherent policies on the use of generative AI tools in your classes. See the [Sample Syllabus Language](#) document on our website to get started.
- Catch up on the [Using AI to Manage AI](#) blog series (and accompanying [CAT Tip video series](#)) and the [Survival Guide to AI and Teaching](#) blog series on our EDvice Exchange blog (sites.temple.edu/edvice).

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is research focused on teaching and learning. Our SoTL resources are designed to help you systematically examine your classroom practices, improve your teaching based on your findings, and share your results with colleagues here at Temple and across academia. Visit teaching.temple.edu/sotl to learn more.

CAT Micro-Credential Program

Whether you are looking to learn foundational pedagogical theories and practices, deepen your understanding of inclusive and multimodal learning, or develop your Scholarship of Teaching and Learning project, the micro-credential program provides the opportunity for you to build your educational expertise and demonstrate your commitment to innovative teaching. Each micro-credential offers a flexible and personalized approach to your professional development. [Explore our offerings](#) and take the next step in your teaching journey.

Poster Printing

Poster printing services are available for Main Campus and the Health Sciences Campus. For more information, please [visit our website](#).

Teaching in Higher Education Certificate

Temple University's Teaching in Higher Education Certificate (teaching.temple.edu/teaching-certificates) helps grow teaching professionals into great educators by developing their pedagogical knowledge and educational technology skills to improve classroom learning for students. There are two versions of the certificate, including tracks designed for:

- Temple University graduate students currently enrolled in a degree program
- Higher education teachers or individuals interested in teaching at two- and four-year colleges, universities and professional schools

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We post regularly with faculty resources, workshop announcements, exciting CAT news, and other exclusive updates that may not be included in our weekly emails. Tune in to our CAT Tips series on YouTube, short how-to videos featuring CAT staffers.

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