Teaching & Learning Centre Information for Chairs

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Welcome to the Teaching & Learning Centre Information Hub for Chairs!

This page is curated with you in mind, serving as a central resource hub to assist you in planning and supporting your faculty members. Here, you will discover a spectrum of resources tailored to empower and enhance the teaching and learning experience for your faculty.

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This hub is your ally in empowering your faculty and steering them towards success. For any questions or additional support, feel free to reach out to us at teaching@senecapolytechnic.ca.

Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching — in the AI Lab in May/June

This April, the Teaching & Learning Centre will host Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching, a

new series of workshops in the AI Lab at Newnham Campus designed to help faculty and instructors explore practical ways to use AI in academic settings.

Upcoming Workshops in the Midday Mindshare: AI for Teaching Series:

- **Welcome to the AI Lab!** on Tuesday, May 19 at 12:35 p.m.
- **Using Copilot to Spark Teaching Ideas** on Wednesday, May 20 at 11:40 a.m.
- **Old Lessons, New Tricks** on Tuesday, June 16 at 12:35 p.m.

Held in-person in the AI Lab at Newnham Campus, these workshops focus on practical strategies that can be applies into teaching and research. Register to attend in MyPD. Space is limited, so register now.

Microsoft AI Bootcamps for Faculty

As part of Seneca's partnership with Microsoft, the Teaching & Learning Centre is now certified to run Microsoft Learn for Educators (MSLE) AI Bootcamps. In June 2026, two bootcamps will be available at Seneca:

Microsoft Copilot Prompt-a-thon for Higher Education

Build AI fluency and explore practical uses of Microsoft Copilot in teaching. Through interactive activities and prompting challenges, participants will learn effective, responsible AI prompting techniques and discover strategies to support their work and student success.

> part I: Tuesday, June 2 from 9:50 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Eastern (online)
> part II: Tuesday, June 9 from 9:50 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Eastern (online)

Generative AI for Teaching

Explore how Generative AI and Microsoft tools can enhance teaching, reduce workload, and support student success through prompting techniques, collaboration, and practical AI resources.

> part I: Tuesday, June 16 from 9:50 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Eastern (online)
> part II: Tuesday, June 23 from 9:50 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Eastern (online)

Each bootcamp is designed as a two-part experience, and participants are expected to attend both sessions in order to earn the official Microsoft certification.

Learn more about the Microsoft Learn for Educators AI Bootcamps at Seneca: New Microsoft AI Bootcamps Available for Faculty This June.

Teaching & Learning Centre Courses in Summer 2026

The Teaching & Learning Centre is offering the following courses in summer 2026.

- **Teaching with Technology 1** begins on May 21
- **Foundations of Creating Accessible Content** begins on June 9
- **Accessible Presentations and Documents using PowerPoint and Word** begins on July 9
- **Micro-teaching Sessions** runs Aug. 27-28, 2026

All three courses are part of Seneca's Micro-credentials for Faculty PD program.

Faculty Development Program Schedule and Deadlines

FDP in Summer 2026

The Faculty Development Program schedule for summer 2026:

- Faculty Development Program 1 (FDP1) is **not** running in summer 2026
- Faculty Development Program 2 (FDP2) is **not** running in summer 2026
- Faculty Development Program 3 (FDP3)
  The live components will run **on Thursdays** in hybrid mode. The in-person components will take place from 9:50 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. at Newnham Campus.

Faculty can now apply to register in MyPD for summer 2026.

Important deadline for you:

- If any of your faculty members currently in the Faculty Development Program will not be able to participate in the Faculty Development Program in summer 2026, please let us know **before Feb. 15, 2026**. Our staffing and scheduling for the Faculty

Development Program bundles will be set up by then, making changes difficult.

Standing Schedule of the Faculty Development Program

There is a standing schedule for the Faculty Development Program:

- Faculty Development Program 1 (FDP1) runs on Tuesdays.

- Faculty Development Program 2 (FDP2) runs on Wednesdays.

- Faculty Development Program 3 (FDP3) runs on Thursdays.

The only variables in our schedule are whether a particular course is offered during a given term and the exact timing of each course. If we have two sections of the same course running, or if that course runs in May/June, we ask for the participants to be available all day to participate in the course that they need.

Please note that FDP1 does not run in the summer term and if FDP2 and FDP3 are offered, they will run in May/June. We do not have Faculty Development Program course running in July/August.

Professional Development Requirements for Newly-hired Full-time Faculty Members

As a reminder, The following are the professional development requirements through the Teaching & Learning Centre for newly-hired full-time faculty members:

- Participate in Micro-teaching Sessions or the Teaching & Learning Summer Conference

- Attend New Faculty Orientation

- Complete the three components of the Faculty Development Program

The next Micro-teaching Sessions is taking place on Aug. 27-28, 2026 and the next New Faculty Orientation is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 2026.

The Curriculum Integration Project: Resource Update!

As recently highlighted by President Agnew, Seneca's commitment to bringing our strategic priorities to life through the Curriculum Integration (CI) project continues. This initiative enhances our courses by helping learners see their field of study through the lenses of Truth and Reconciliation (TRC), Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Sustainability, Human Skills,

and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The Teaching and Learning Centre remains actively engaged in supporting programs as we strengthen our curriculum together. Baseline data has now been collected across all priority areas, and we are actively gathering additional data to measure and better understand the impact of this ongoing work on teaching and learning. Thank you to the academic schools for their leadership and collaboration in advancing this work and creating structures to continue sharing CI knowledge.

Available Resources

To support ongoing curriculum integration, the following resources are available:

- The **CI Website** – Your one-stop hub for Curriculum Integration resources. Dive into the priority areas and find connections to the goals you have for your students.
- **CI Support Request Form** – Submit specific questions or requests and receive a direct response from a team member. We will also connect with campus partners (Reconciliation & Inclusion team, Libraries, and others).
- **CI Kernels Library** – A collection of ready-to-use CI strategies drawn from courses like yours. We welcome new contributions as this library continues to expand.
- **CI Newsletter** – A comprehensive collection of success stories, highlights, and practical ideas to inspire integration in your own courses.
- **Dedicated Contacts** – Each program has a Teaching and Learning contact for CI support. Email teaching@senecapolytechnic.ca and we will connect you directly.
- **Faculty Champions' Roadmaps** – Last but not least, the leadership and creativity of our CI faculty champions continue to guide and inspire this work.

Completion and Recognition

Programs finalizing their CI work will receive a brief Completion Form to document key achievements and artifacts. Congratulations to those reaching this milestone! As always, write to teaching@senecapolytechnic.ca anytime!

New Faculty Orientation for Summer 2026

New Faculty Orientation is taking place in Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Attending **New Faculty Orientation** is a professional development requirement for **all** newly-

hired faculty members, both full-time and non full-time faculty members.

We explain this and provide more details on our [Welcome New Faculty Members: Understanding Your PD Requirements page](#).

Supports for Generative AI

In fall 2025, the Teaching & Learning Centre offered a four-part webinar series focusing on using Generative AI in teaching:

- **AI Literacy and Generative AI for Educators**

- **Effective Techniques for Generative AI Prompting**

- **Assessing Learning in the AI Era**

- **Exploring GenAI Use – from the Teaching side of things**

Resources and recordings are available in our **[Generative AI Webinar Series in November 2025](#)** Spark Plug article.

GenAI Resources

- the [Generative AI: Teaching & Learning Resources website](#) from the Teaching & Learning Centre
- [Seneca's Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Seneca's Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Policy](#)
- [Generative AI – Faculty Toolkit – The Learning Portal](#)

Support for Flexible Delivery

Upcoming sections of our Fundamentals of Flexible Course Design and Delivery course:

- [Mar. 30 to Apr. 17, 2026](#)

We have **a [Flexible Course Design website](#)**!

We also recommend our [Envisioning Your Course Through a Flexible Lens nutshell](#) (a self-paced online module), our [Five Things I've Learned about Flexible Teaching from Conversations with Seneca Faculty](#) Spark Plug article, and our [Seneca Flexible Classroom Instructional Video](#) which shows how to set up and use the flexible classrooms on campus.

A Focus on Assessment

Discover the assessment resources created by our Team: [Assessment Resources (PDF)](#).

This PDF highlights the webpages, nutshells, and videos we have that focus on assessment (in general), authentic assessment, academic integrity and artificial intelligence, and formative assessment.

Reminder: The Teaching & Learning Centre can offer a workshops for your School. We also offer one-on-one consultations for faculty and instructors. Email us at [teaching@senecapolytechnic.ca](#).

Learn@Seneca Blackboard Ultra Support

Our [Learn@Seneca website](#) is where faculty can find all the resources they'll need to teach in Learn@Seneca. With how-to articles, best practices, resources, and videos, this space hosts all of the Teaching & Learning Centre's Learn@Seneca materials.

We recommend beginning with our [Learn@Seneca Crash Course](#). It walks through the main features of Blackboard Ultra. We have the [Quick Tour](#), a short introduction video about Learn@Seneca, and the [Course Tour](#), showing what a course could look like in Learn@Seneca.

The Crash Course also include four instructional videos that cover the vast majority of topics faculty need to know to successfully teach in Learn@Seneca:

[The First Look at Learn@Seneca](#) – explore the menu and content areas of Learn@Seneca, then start creating content: documents, folders, and modules

[Building Assessments](#) – explore the details of assessments in Learn@Seneca

[Using the Gradebook](#) – explore the Gradebook in Learn@Seneca and see how all the same features are still available plus some quality-of-life improvements

[Groups and Accommodations](#) – explore how to create groups and add them to assignments, plus how to set up accommodations and exceptions

These are polished versions of our webinars that were recorded without audience questions.

Faculty may also be interested in our [Learn@Seneca Nutshells](#)! Nutshells are a series of quick, self-paced, online learning modules for faculty. Our Learn@Seneca series of Nutshells provide faculty with an overview of Learn@Seneca in addition to tips, best practices, and resources.

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