

Teaching and Learning Initiative (TLI)

Staff Opportunities

*"At the base of the TLI is a vision of everyone — no matter how positioned, degreed, or experienced — having something to teach and something to learn."
-Alison Cook-Sather*



"The purpose of the program is to build a sense of community amongst the people who bump into each other every day so it's not a bunch of comfortable strangers."

-Staff Member

"I think too often staff here don't get the chance to get to know very many students. We are often separated from one another, each busy with our own day-to-day responsibilities. By bringing us together, the Empowering Learners Partnership has given all of us the chance to get to know one another better and to see why we are all here."

-Staff Member



What is the Teaching and Learning Initiative (TLI)?

A community-building initiative through which students work with faculty and staff as educational partners.

The commitments of the TLI are:

- To create new campus spaces and structures within which all members — faculty, staff, and students — interact as teachers, learners and colleagues
- To collaborate and create relationships that move beyond the limitations of traditional roles we play at Bryn Mawr
- To link everyone within the college community to educational opportunity and the opportunity to foster it for others

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Helping to Imagine, Design, or Teach a Class: We encourage staff members to take proactive roles in collaborating with the Coordinator of Staff Education in imagining, designing, or even teaching classes for staff, students, or faculty. Past and forthcoming staff education opportunities co-created and taught by staff members include classes in Excel, Contribute, Word, PeopleSoft, and Photoshop Elements.

Reading, Writing, and Communication Program:

Work in a one-to-one relationship with a student, staff, or faculty mentor to develop your literacy learning and meet learning goals. 2 hours per week (paid release time); 1-2 semesters.

Continuing Education Partnership (CEP):

Work in a reciprocal relationship with a student mentor to plan and pursue educational options towards completing a first degree (G.E.D., Associate's, or Bachelor's) and teach the student something out of your specific area of expertise, experience or interest. 2 hours per week (paid release time); 1-2 semesters.

Empowering Learners Partnership (ELP) Teaching and Learning Partner:

Work in a unique reciprocal relationship with a student or faculty member (or occasionally in a small group) in which each of you teaches the other something out of your specific areas of expertise, experience, or interest. 2 hours per week (paid release time); 4-14 weeks.

Computing Courses:

Attend both small-class and one-on-one sessions with a student mentor as you learn to navigate your way through the internet, around Microsoft Office, and several other computer programs and operations. 2 hours per week (paid release time); 10 weeks.

If you are interested in participating in a TLI program, please contact Jessica Hollinger Vinson, Coordinator of Staff Education, at jholling@brynmawr.edu or at ext. 5284.