

Excellence in Teaching: Taking and Documenting a Scholarly Approach

Worksheet

There is a nearly infinite variety of options to choose from when selecting an area of emphasis that you might like to address with a scholarly approach to teaching. Here are some possible areas of emphasis:

1. Active learning
2. Accessibility
3. Backward course design and constructive alignment
4. Classroom climate and sense of belonging
5. Designing assignments and assessments
6. Enhanced learning via metacognition and the learning sciences
7. Feedback in the classroom
8. Etc.

Activity

- Pick an area you are interested (either from the topics above or one of your own) as the focus for your scholarly teaching plan
- Use the worksheet prompts below to complete your plan

1. What element of teaching am I selecting as an area of scholarly focus?
2. What teaching approaches have I used or seen others use in this area for topics in my course?
3. What have I been observing in mine or others' student engagement and performance related to this area?
4. What data can I collect to better understand what is working, or not working, about this teaching approach and its impact on the student learning experience?
5. What might I want to try that's new or different to improve that learning experience?
6. Where (specifically) can I go to learn more about existing scholarship on this teaching approach?