1. Who needs to take Graduate T 580?

   This course is required for all new incoming teaching assistants/teaching fellows.

2. Why do I have to take this course if I’m not teaching? How does this course benefit me?

   The President of Drexel University requested the creation of this course so that all Drexel University teaching assistants are familiar with the basics of teaching, and they are prepared when opportunities or emergencies occur. From the practice teaching opportunities, TA’s can develop more confidence in their presentation skills, which will benefit them in course and conference presentations.

   This is also a course that provides one with knowledge of the resources available to all Drexel University students.

3. Can a new TA be excused from taking this course?

   If the TA has had sufficient college teaching experience and the TA’s advisor/supervisor requests the TA’s exemption from the course. This official request must be submitted to the instructor of the course and the Graduate College Office by the end of the first week of the term.

4. What will happen if I can’t attend one or more of the workshops? Is there a way I can make it up?

   The TA must inform the instructor about any problem concerning attendance of the two days of orientation and the fall term workshops. The TA’s are given a chance to view videos of talks/workshops, which are available on the course website, a few days after the taping. In the case of the practice teaching sessions, TA’s can contact the Experienced TA assigned to his/her practice teaching session about a make-up. This situation can also be discussed with the instructor of the course.