Ryerson Graduate Student Professional Development in Teaching Apprenticeship Program

Program Coordinator: Dr. John Paul Foxe

Program Description: 15-24 hours of Course Instructor Apprenticeship where, under the supervision of a mentor, the participant gains practical experience in course instruction.

Prerequisites: This voluntary apprenticeship program is open to Ryerson Graduate Students interested in a teaching career and who are currently enrolled in Level 2 of the Professional Development in Teaching Program.

Description: The Teaching Apprenticeship Program is specifically designed to allow Ryerson Graduate Students to gain practical, hands-on experience in teaching a course at a third level institution. It is intended to be an educational experience for participants. Registrants in the Teaching Apprenticeship Program will be paired with a Faculty member from their discipline. It is advised that participants seek out their own mentors. This is a completely voluntary activity for Faculty members. Should participants in the Teaching Apprenticeship Program find themselves unable to find a suitable mentor, the Program Coordinator will assist.

Following an initial meeting, mentor and apprentice will work together to determine the specific learning outcomes for the graduate student.

Suggested Activities
The student may wish to gain experience in any of the following areas:

- Lecture preparation and delivery
- Course Design
- Assessment Design
- Lab/Studio Design
- Resource Development including, for example, laboratory manuals

Prohibited Activities
The apprentice cannot carry out any of the duties typically assigned to a Teaching or Graduate Assistant (TA/GA). These include (but are not limited to):

- Marking and Grading
- Invigilating Exams
- Leading Laboratories/Studios/ Tutorials

To help avoid a situation where an apprentice may be asked to conduct any of these activities, registrants in this program cannot work with a Professor for whom they currently hold a Graduate Assistantship.
**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of this apprenticeship program, participants will be have gained practical experience in developing and/or delivering a course at a third level institution.

**Assessment:** Following an initial meeting between apprentice and mentor, the apprentice will draft a proposed plan for the apprenticeship. This proposal must be approved by the Program Coordinator (Dr. John Paul Foxe) before the apprenticeship can proceed. Included in this plan will be the proposed learning outcomes as well as how the apprentice hopes to achieve these outcomes. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, the apprentice will write a report on their activities; discussing if/how they have achieved their learning outcomes.

**Registration:** Interested individuals can register for this apprenticeship program by contacting Dr. John Paul Foxe: Email: johnpaul.foxe@ryerson.ca Ext: 6570.