

GTA Kickoff & Training FAQ

Event: GTA Kickoff – Building Your Teaching Foundations

Host: Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE)

Audience: First-time Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)

Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 19, 2025

1. Who is required to attend the GTA Kickoff?

All first-time Graduate Teaching Assistants teaching at OSU this semester are required to attend the GTA Kickoff. Returning GTAs (those with one or more years of teaching experience) may attend if space allows. Please join the waiting list [here](#), if you are a returning GTA who would like to attend.

2. What happens after the Kickoff?

All first-time GTAs will be enrolled in a required asynchronous online course through Canvas following the Kickoff.

The course covers essential topics such as inclusive instruction, accessibility, and managing classroom challenges.

Completion of the course earns the GTA Foundations of College Teaching Digital Badge.

3. Are there optional opportunities for continued learning?

Yes! Throughout the semester, both first first-time and returning GTAs can participate in our Monthly Hy-Flex Support Sessions. These are optional sessions (in-person or via Zoom) on practical teaching topics like grading, student motivation, and classroom management. Please watch for further information on this series on the ITLE event page.

4. My department requires all GTAs to attend. Can everyone come?

Due to the large number of GTAs on campus, we are not able to accommodate everyone in the in-person Kickoff. Priority is given to GTAs teaching for the first time. Returning GTAs or those with prior experience will be placed on a waiting list and notified if space becomes available. Join the waiting list [here](#).

If departments have questions or concerns, they are encouraged to review this FAQ sheet or contact ITLE directly at itle@okstate.edu.

5. What if I can't attend the in-person Kickoff?

If you are unable to attend the Kickoff:

- Notify your department that you will miss the event.
- Complete the [request form](#) to be added to the required online GTA course to receive professional development throughout the semester.
- Please note: Recordings or materials from the Kickoff will not be provided.

6. What if the registration deadline has already passed?

In order to prepare for a large number of attendees, the registration form must close on the posted deadline (December 19, 2025). If you missed the deadline, please complete the [request form](#) to be added to the required online GTA course to receive professional development throughout the semester.

7. What should I expect at the Kickoff?

The half-day event includes:

- Core teaching foundations and classroom strategies
- OSU resources and expectations for GTAs
- Practical tips for inclusive and effective teaching
- Opportunities to connect with fellow GTAs and campus support staff

8. Will food be provided?

Yes! Breakfast or light refreshments will be served. Please indicate any dietary restrictions when you register so we can do our best to make accommodations.

9. Who can I contact for questions?

For event or registration questions:

 itle@okstate.edu