The Learning Assistant Program at Rutgers University

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Learning Assistants (LAs)
- Students who work with faculty to create collaborative learning environments
- The LA Program is a national program developed by University of Colorado, Boulder
- Rutgers University LAs earn a stipend of $1500 a semester

Three essential elements to an LA program:
- Practice: The LAs have contact time with students in lecture, lab, recitation, or study group
- Pedagogy: Every LA enrolls in the Peer Instructor Education course their first semester as an LA
- Content: Weekly staff meetings with faculty

LA Program at Rutgers
- Began in 2011 with 5 courses
- 35 courses in the 2016 – 2017 academic year
- 50 courses in the 2017 – 2018 academic year

What LAs do not do
- Hold 1-on-1 tutoring or office hours
- Grade
- Proctor

The LA Program is centralized in the Learning Center
The LC provides the following support to departments:
- Coordinate LA applications, interviewing, hiring
- Employment on-boarding and weekly payroll
- Teach pedagogy course and provide professional development training
- Coordinate assignments and LA schedules
- Maintain employment records

How are courses ‘transformed’?

Traditional

Transformed
Rutgers-NB Learning Assistant Program website:
https://rlc.rutgers.edu/services/learning-assistant-program/information-faculty

Faculty interest form:
https://tinyurl.com/yaxkpzga

LA Alliance Website:
https://www.learningassistantalliance.org/