

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

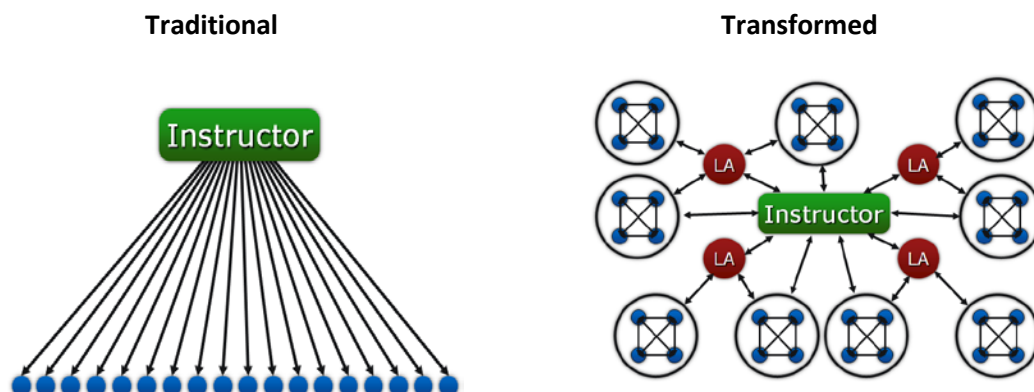
- Hold 1-on-1 tutoring or office hours
- Grade
- Proctor

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'?



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/>