

BROADENING PARTICIPATION THROUGH CAMPUS INNOVATION: Methods and Implementation Strategies for STEM



Baseline Survey: Day One

Peer Mentored Learning: Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) and Learning Assistant Programs

1. Based on what you know about Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL), which of the following do you think are true (check all that you think apply to PLTL):

- **a.** It is an evidence-based pedagogical model for increasing student achievement.
- **b**. Peer mentors are graduate students who run workshops outside of class.
- **c.** The focus of PLTL is on problem-solving workshops.
- **d.** A peer leader should work with a group of only three to four students per session.
- _____ e. No special training is required for peer mentors.
- _____ f. PLTL workshops do not need to be integrated into the classroom lectures.
- **g.** PLTL is based on cognitive science and learning models.
- **h.** PLTL was initially designed to help students achieve in mathematics.
- 2. Based on what you know about PLTL, the program can be expected to increase the number of students earning a passing grade of a A, B, or C by about (circle your estimate of the success rate):
 - ____ **a** . Less than 10%
 - ____ **b.** 10% to 20%
 - ____ **c.** 20% to 30%
 - ____ **d.** Greater than 30%

3. Does your institution currently have a Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) program?

- ____ **a.** Yes
- ____ **b.** No
- ____ c. Do not know

If you answered "Yes" to question 3 above then STOP HERE, otherwise proceed to questions 4 and 5.

- 4. Based on your experience at your academic institution, what do you feel are the most likely barriers you would face if you attempted to implement PLTL (check all that apply):
 - **a.** Difficulty in scheduling the workshops.
 - **b.** Difficulty in convincing students to take the time to participate.
 - **c.** Finding challenging and suitable problem sets for the workshops.
 - **d.** Finding the essential collaborators at your institution to implement the program.
 - e. Finding quality peer leaders to conduct the workshops.
 - **f.** Finding a way to compensate the peer leaders for their time.
 - **g.** Finding the people with the time and skills to manage the PLTL program.
 - h. Evaluating the process and outcomes of the PLTL and tracking student participation.

Other (please specify):

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, how confident are you that a program such as Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) could be implemented in your institution? (circle your best guess)

- 1 = Not likely at all
- 2 = Possibly, but it would be a challenge
- 3 = Probably could make it work
- **4** = Likely if given adequate support for the program
- 5 = Highly likely that the program could be implemented



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Follow-Up Survey: Day One Peer Mentored Learning: Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) and Learning Assistant Programs

1. What did you like most about the overall conference?

- 2. Which session did you attend today?
 - a. Workshop with Dr. Shipman Young
 - **b**. Workshop with Drs. Langdon and Otero
- 3. What aspects of the workshop were most helpful to you?
- 4. What aspects of the workshop were the least helpful to you?
- 5. Based on what you know about Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL), which of the following do you think are true (check all that you think apply to PLTL):
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 - **b**. Peer mentors are graduate students who run workshops outside of class.
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 - h. PLTL was initially designed to help students achieve in mathematics.
- 6. Based on what you know about PLTL, the program can be expected to increase the number of students earning a passing grade of a A, B, or C by about (circle your estimate of the success rate):
 - **a**. Less than 10%
 - **b.** 10% to 20%
 - **c.** 20% to 30%
 - ____ d. Greater than 30%

(PLEASE SEE REVERSE)

7. Does your institution currently have a Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) program?

- ____a. Yes
- ____ **b.** No
- ____ c. Do not know
- 8. If you answered "Yes" to question 7 above, did this conference increase your knowledge of PLTL or provide ideas that could be used to improve what you are currently doing at your institution?

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- ____a. Yes
- ____ **b.** No
- ____ c. Do not know

If you answered "Yes" to question 7 above then STOP HERE, otherwise proceed to questions 9-11.

9. Based on your experience at your academic institution, what do you feel are the most likely barriers you would face if you attempted to implement PLTL (check all that apply):

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- _____ c. Finding challenging and suitable problem sets for the workshops.
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- _____e. Finding quality peer leaders to conduct the workshops.
- **f.** Finding a way to compensate the peer leaders for their time.
- **_____ g.** Finding the people with the time and skills to manage the PLTL program.
- **h.** Evaluating the process and outcomes of the PLTL and tracking student participation.

Other (please specify):

10. On a scale of 1 to 5, how confident are you that a program such as Peer-Led Team Learning (PLTL) could be implemented in your institution? (circle your best guess)

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11. Do you plan to implement anything you learned during the conference? If so, what? If not, why not?