Workshop attendees representing Writing Across the Curriculum+
Science-Specific Support for Teaching Communication Skills
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Barriers
What barriers to using communication assignments do science faculty report?

- Marking time required
- Providing feedback is challenging
- Limited teaching assistant resources
- Identifying suitable assignments

Goals
What are the goals of the WAC+ Program?

- Support science educators in teaching and mentoring science communication
- Encourage increased use of writing and spoken communication in science courses
- Create a cross-departmental community of faculty who use communication in science courses

The WAC+ Program

26 Presentations of educator workshops:
- Writing assignment and assessment design
- Providing effective feedback on writing assignments
- Strategies for student success with writing
- Teaching succinct and accurate science writing
- Non-traditional communication assignments
- Teaching oral communication in science

2 Best practices in science communication symposia highlighting 15 communication topics, including:
- Oral lab reports
- Undergraduate research journals
- Press releases
- Online peer review
- Infographics
- Wikipedia entries

7 Consultations providing guidance and feedback on teaching science-specific communication

100+ Online resources for science students and educators

Response to the WAC+ Program

"These workshops should be mandatory for all instructors!"
"This is a fantastic resource that addresses a critical part of student learning."
"Your workshops are among the best I have attended at UBC - lots of content delivered in an efficient way."

230 Workshop attendees representing 70 courses across 4 faculties

10 Department-specific workshops

The WAC+ Team

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UBC Faculty of Science Quick Facts

429 Faculty members  8,157 Undergraduate students

43,000 Alumni  1,417 Graduate students

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