

*Atlantic Center for Learning Communities Retreat 2026
Call for Proposals*

*Conference theme:
The Joy of Learning Communities*

The 24th annual Atlantic Center for Learning Communities (ACLC) Curriculum Planning Retreat* will be held October 14-16, 2026, at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.** We are seeking proposals for poster presentations, roundtable discussions, and workshops that touch upon all areas of Learning Communities in higher education.

ACLC Retreat poster presentations are designed to showcase new and innovative practices for Learning Communities, or to present empirical or narrative findings about best practices. Presenters will have the opportunity to discuss their LC programs in an informal venue with other attendees. These will be shared during the Wednesday evening reception and will be displayed throughout the retreat.

ACLC Retreat roundtables are designed to be an interactive and semi-structured opportunity for professionals to share ideas, process experiences, and identify new opportunities for collaboration. Roundtables are typically 30-60 minute guided discussions organized around a general theme related to Learning Communities. Attendees may attend all or part of a roundtable, and facilitators may have guiding questions, examples, or exercises to help attendees focus discussion.

We especially welcome proposals on the following topics:

- Innovative ways of creating learning communities, integration, and collaboration
- Collaboration among varied campus and community stakeholders
- Faculty professional development and learning communities
- Reimagining learning communities and integrative learning
- Unconventional collaborations and innovations
- Assessment in and of learning communities
- Integration of disciplines and assignments in especially innovative ways
- Student leadership and peer mentoring in learning communities

Please submit your roundtable and/or poster presentation proposal using the form provided at <https://forms.gle/vCT6TQwXQhoZnxXP9>. **The priority deadline for proposal submissions is August 15, 2026**; proposals may be accepted after that date as space permits. More information about the Atlantic Center for Learning Communities and the 2019 Curriculum Planning Retreat can be found at atlanticcenterforlearningcommunities.org.

Questions? Please email George Hill at ghill@hccc.edu or Jonathan Mosko at jmosko@jwu.edu.

***What is a “curriculum planning retreat”?** Quite simply, this event provides time for learning community teams and/or individuals to step away from the hectic academic halls to reflect on their work and to work undisturbed in teams or individually while also having the opportunity to attend workshops designed to strengthen and enhance their work in learning communities. Participants may network, work alone, or find a balance between the two.

****Why a Catholic retreat house?** The Atlantic Center for Learning Communities (ALCLC) is a nonsectarian, inclusive community of learning communities' scholars and practitioners from various institutions of higher education. While we hold our annual curriculum planning retreat at a Catholic retreat center, we are not affiliated with any religious group. We use this retreat facility as a means of keeping costs down for our retreat attendees and because the facility provides us with meeting, collaboration, and reflective space that is highly conducive to our work. All are welcome! Alternative housing is available near the retreat center, for an additional cost.