



### What is it?

The Professional Development in Biology Certificate Program is a co-Curricular program open to all Biology undergraduate students doing a major or specialist. This program is a series of workshops / events / activities which when completed will improve the professional development of students in the Biological Sciences. This certificate program will provide a framework through which these events can be coordinated and publicized. This “passport-styled” program will combine workshops and activities that will develop the following:

1. breadth of knowledge of research in Biology and the career choice for Biologists
2. skills that will make a student more successful within their program and within their potential work place such as presentation skills, written skills, etc.
3. professional skills that will allow students to be successful at promoting themselves for courses or for future careers such as communication and interpersonal skills, etc.
4. increased awareness of the broader community and community spirit (at UTM or without)
5. increased understanding of the campus environment

### Who is involved, i.e. Partners

- Department of Biology
- Career Center
- Academic Skills Center
- Library
- Internship Office

### Structure of the Program

This program is open to any undergraduate student enrolled in a major or specialist program in Biology. To receive a **Professional Development Program in Biology Certificate**, students must choose 5 modules from 4 different clusters. Students must take one module from each of the 4 clusters and the 5<sup>th</sup> module can be taken from any cluster. It is expected that students will take these modules over one academic year, i.e. start in September and end by the end of March. The certificate will be presented to the students at a reception in March.

### The 4 clusters are:

1. ***Biology and Biologists: What we do and who we are?***
2. ***Academic Skills and Information Literacy***
3. ***Career Development***
4. ***Personal & Professional Development***

Students should choose the modules that fit best with their interest and experience and should try and take the modules listed for their level within the degree, i.e. year 2, 3, etc. We will routinely place announcements to the blackboard community as new modules are added to each cluster.

## **How to Join!**

To join the **C3 Biology** on-line Portal community , find us on Blackboard: to do this go to <http://portal.utoronto.ca> and login with your UTORid. From the Homepage, click on the Community tab. Under "Organization Catalog", click on the "Browse Organization Catalog" link, in the search box, enter "UTM " and click on GO. Once the Search Results show up, scroll to our organization (**UTM C3 Biology**) and click on the Enroll button. The password is: C3Biology (please note that there is no space). You are now enrolled in the **UTM C3 Biology** portal. Once you are enrolled, checking back is easy. All you have to do is login on Blackboard. The homepage lists the organizations in which you are enrolled. All you have to do then is click on "**UTM C3 Biology**" to access our online community portal.”

**For more information go to UTM C3 Biology!!**

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