



## CU Learning Assistant Program

Indicates a research-demonstrated benefit

### Overview

A program to recruit science majors to become K-12 teachers and to improve undergraduate education by implementing large-scale teaching reform.



Type of Method

Instructional strategy



Level

**Designed for:** Teacher Prep Course , Intro College Calculus-based , Intro College Algebra-based , Intro College Conceptual

**Can be adapted for:** Intermediate , Upper-level Undergraduate



Setting

**Designed for:** Recitation/Discussion Session

**Can be adapted for:** Lecture - Large (30+ students) , Lecture - Small (<30 students) , Lab, Studio



Coverage

Few topics with great depth, Many topics with less depth



Topics

Mechanics, Electricity / Magnetism, Waves / Optics, Thermal / Statistical, Modern / Quantum, Mathematical, Astronomy, Other Science, Pedagogy



Instructor Effort

Medium



Resource Needs

TAs / LAs, reformed curriculum materials



Skills

**Designed for:** Conceptual understanding , Metacognition, (Depends on the instructor and use of materials. Instructor may use materials that explicitly target any of these.)

**Can be adapted for:** Problem-solving skills, Lab skills, Making real-world connections, Using multiple representations, Designing experiments, Cooperative learning

**Based on research into:** theories of how students learn , student ideas about specific topics



Research Validation

**Demonstrated to improve:** conceptual understanding , beliefs and attitudes

**Studied using:** student interviews , classroom observations , research at multiple institutions



**Compatible  
Methods**

[Peer Instruction](#), [PhET](#), [UW Tutorials](#), [JiTT](#), [Ranking Tasks](#), [ILDs](#), [CGPS](#), [Physlets](#), [Context-Rich Problems](#), [RealTime Physics](#), [Workshop Physics](#), [TIPERs](#), [ABP Tutorials](#), [SCALE-UP](#), [Modeling](#), [OSP](#), [SDI Labs](#), [OST Tutorials](#), [ISLE](#), [Thinking Problems](#), [Workbook for Introductory Physics](#), [PBI](#), [PET](#), [PSET](#), [LEPS](#), [CAE TPS](#), [Lecture-Tutorials](#), [Astro Ranking Tasks](#), [MBL](#), [New Model Course](#), [CPU](#), [SCL](#), [TEFA](#), [CU Modern](#), [CU E&M](#), [CU QM](#), [QuILTs](#), [IQP](#), [Thermal Tutorials](#), [Mechanics Tutorials](#), [SGSI](#), [Paradigms](#), [EiP](#), [Tools for Scientific Thinking](#), [M&I](#), [Tutorials](#), [Clickers](#), [Responsive Teaching](#)



**Similar  
Method**

None



**Developer(s)**

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**Website**

<http://laprogram.colorado.edu/>