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A Novel Video-based Training Resource to Explore Challenges to Student Participation in PLTL Workshops SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

An examination of the experiences of students in peer-led sessions reveals that social comparison concerns, lack of sense of belonging and other factors can act as barriers to student participation in groupwork, which in turn can limit a successful implementation of the PLTL model. At the University of Rochester, we are developing a video-based resource based on interactive theatre to help peer leaders recognize and mitigate barriers to student participation that can occur in PLTL Workshops. Participants in this session will discuss common barriers to student participation in peer-led workshops and the applicability and further development of video-based training modules.







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