



## **What is Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL)?**

The PLTL model consists of study groups of about eight students working collaboratively on challenging course content problems while guided by a peer leader.

### **How does it work?**

PLTL provides an active, engaged learning experience for students. The Peer Leader helps guide them by

- using various techniques for problem solving
- offering timely assistance when a group gets stuck
- providing guidance and encouragement

PLTL sessions meet once a week for 80 minutes. There is no cost to enroll.

### **What should you expect?**

PLTL is all about working together as a group. Peer leaders are trained to be facilitators, not lecturers or teaching assistants. They don't provide answers to their students; instead they guide them toward answers and set a tone for group discussion and learning. Students do most of the explanation and reasoning to the rest of the group. Individual points of view are respected, criticism is constructive, and all members have an equal opportunity to participate.

### **Why should you consider signing up for PLTL?**

- Most students obtain a better understanding of the material
- Students who consistently attend and participate in PLTL usually receive better grades
- Students tend to develop better communication and critical thinking skills, and become better problem solvers—skill sets frequently sought by employers.
- **It's interactive fun!**

### **PLTL is not for you if...**

- You cannot make the 80-minute time commitment every week for the entire semester
- You are not willing to participate actively in a group setting
- You don't make the effort to come prepared to the PLTL sessions



## HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PLTL SESSION

If you have decided that PLTL is right for you, you must enroll in [ORION](#) for a session. PLTL is offered on space available basis—no one is guaranteed a seat. Registration for all courses and sections opens on January 24<sup>th</sup> and closes on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Step by step instructions on how to register can be found on the GEMS Center website at: <http://www.utdallas.edu/GEMS/leaders/index.html>

Note: PLTL sections will start meeting for the first time the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All sessions are scheduled in GEMS Center rooms within the Clark Center (former Conference Center).

For Spring 2012, PLTL supports the following courses:

CHEM 1312	PHYS 1301	MATH 1325	MATH 2414
CHEM 2325	PHYS 1302	MATH 2413	

If you have any question or problems while registering for PLTL, contact the GEMS Center at 972.883.6707 and ask for Sally Zirkle. You may also visit our main office CN 1.126 for assistance in navigating the registration process.