

The Essential Elements of the LA Model

Three key elements define the LA Model: practice, pedagogy and content. The figure below shows the relationship between these elements. Each element is in a distinct circle but connected to each other element by a double-sided arrow. In the **practice** element, LAs facilitate student discourse as students work in learning teams. In the **pedagogy** element, LAs learn how to facilitate student interaction and promote discussion using questioning strategies. Through pedagogy, LAs learn how people learn and engage in weekly teaching reflections. In the **content** element, LAs meet with course faculty to reflect on the past week of student learning, examine student learning, and prepare for the next week, while planning strategies for student interaction. Each element informs the others to create the holistic LA experience and LA Model.

Figure: The LA Model

