This webinar explores how to create a learning community in the college classroom. HIP Ambassadors will guide participants through an in-depth discussion about how learning communities are defined, including basic characteristics, structures, and types of learning communities. We will also investigate how student perception and mentality necessitate specific pedagogical approaches. Finally, we will look at ways instructors can implement a learning community within their current courses using a backward design.

**Objectives**
- Define learning community
- Discuss characteristics common among all types of learning communities

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**Definition & Characteristics**

**Objectives**
- Identify how students perceive their learning environment
- Determine methods to overcoming a fixed mindset

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**Perception & Mentality**

**Objective**
- Explore the collaborative pedagogical approach and why it is essential in building an effective learning community

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**Pedagogical Approaches**

**Objectives**
- Examine the backward design process
- Evaluate how you can redesign your current curriculum to include learning community characteristics

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**Backward Design**

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