



Translating research into education

The Learning Center focuses on the learning process and brings together teachers, learners, and researchers to explore new, sometimes futuristic technologies, pedagogies, and strategies relevant to the learning environment.

Located in a new facility in Discovery Park, the Center will emphasize learning for students at all levels. The Center will also house the University's Honors Program, the Teaching Academy and the Center for Instructional Excellence.

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Discovery Learning Center

*Exploring futuristic
technologies and
strategies for
teaching excellence*



The DP Learning Center

The Center will house:

■ Facilities

- **Flexible classroom/laboratory space** for learning activities that can be used as discovery sites for research into how people learn
- **A state-of-the-art auditorium** where new technologies and pedagogies can be tested and refined

■ Initiatives

- **Projects** focused on enhancing learning and learning outcomes from preschool through the college experience
- **Experiments** in interdisciplinary and collaborative learning/discovery

■ The primary users of this facility will include:

- **Students, undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and pre-college students** who are involved in Center activities and research projects
- **Faculty from all of the academic disciplines**
- **Math and science teachers** from the local and surrounding communities utilizing the Center's in-service opportunities to gain career-enhancing and research-promoting activities
- **The general public** who can enjoy the public spaces that advertise and promote the activities of the Center

■ Learning Center Endeavors

The Learning Center in Discovery Park will be home to faculty and students engaged in interdisciplinary learning and discovery related to pedagogies and strategies relevant to the learning environment. Faculty and students from all University schools who have an interest in exploring new ideas and technologies will find the Learning Center a welcoming and supportive site.

Because of its unique locale in Discovery Park, the Learning Center will be positioned to contribute to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning. Through collaborations with the other centers — particularly Birck Entrepreneurship, Bindley Bioscience, and e-Enterprise — the Learning Center will provide opportunities for faculty, students, and pre-service and in-service teachers to gain new skills, to learn new techniques, and to participate in the excitement of discovery. Through the learning/discovery made possible by the Learning Center, Purdue will become a national and international leader in STEM education.

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