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EnCORE Interactive Theatre at Purdue offers a creative avenue to explore diversity in a teaching and learning environment. Our mission is to enhance the CORE teaching and learning experience for national and international students, faculty, instructional staff, and administrators. We strive to improve the overall institutional climate.

EnCORE scenes are built on experiences, best practices, and a strong research foundation. While these scenes begin as improvisational interpretations, they evolve into rehearsed scenarios that highlight the complexities and challenges of teaching, learning and living in a diverse environment. The scenes are designed to prompt reflection and discussion among audience members.

Each scene is followed by an opportunity for the audience to dialogue with the student actors, who stay in character. A trained facilitator will guide the discussion with the audience and provide resources for the topic at hand. In some performances, following the conversation with the audience, the scene is repeated, and the actors either incorporate the suggestions of the audience or audience members are invited to join the actors on stage to try these suggestions themselves. The objective is to VISUALIZE, CRITIQUE, & APPLY the material presented.

While these scenes begin as improvisational interpretations, they evolve into rehearsed scenarios. The plays are meant to depict realistic situations within an academic setting portraying various academic relationships. For this purpose, the performers offer a variety of stylistic approaches, including: INFORMATIVE, INTERACTIVE, PROVOCATIVE.