Tutor Program

College Success Programs

Program Description
The Tutor Program provides small group tutoring for University of Maine students who need academic assistance in 100 and 200 level non-web-based courses. Peer tutors facilitate the learning process by encouraging students to work together to process course material, as well as sharpen their reasoning and questioning skills. The goal of the Tutor Program is to help students become active learners at the college level. These skills are then transferable to other courses.

Study groups meet two times weekly, for an hour each, throughout the semester, with students who are in the same course and have the same professor. Sessions are held Monday–Thursday during the day or evening, and Fridays until 3 p.m., and are conducted in a classroom on campus.

Specialized Information
Peer tutors help students develop and improve their study skills and learning strategies; improve their self-confidence in their academic capabilities; increase their overall understanding of course material; and improve their course grade, depending on the time, energy and effort students commit to the learning process.

Peer tutoring works because students feel more comfortable asking questions in small groups rather than large classes. Peer tutors have often experienced the same difficulties and can help students with the learning process. Students meet with the same peer tutor throughout the semester, which provides consistency and continuity to the assistance given.

Comments from Participants
"I love my tutor, she makes math seem bearable when otherwise I would have given up and not really cared."
"My tutor relates to us very well, understands our questions and problems, and tries to make tutor sessions fun as well as educational."
"My tutor truly cares about our progress and I have improved greatly since our sessions began."
"My tutor is so nice and laid back. She gets everyone involved! And thinks of good activities to help us learn."
"I like how my tutor has all of us participate and work through problems together ... and makes sure everyone understands before moving on."

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