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Don't Lose Your Mind!
Get The ASC Crew
To Come Assist You

With Doing An In-Class Pier Review!

The Next Level

By Susan Skipworth

The ASC is in the process of applying for Level 2 Tutor Training Program Certification through the College of Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). The Center currently awards Level 1 Certification, which is attained through training in fifteen pertinent topics (seven more topics than required by CRLA) plus thirty hours of experience and a performance evaluation. At present, ASC tutors have received training in the four Level 2 Certification topics required by the CRLA as well as three additional topics chosen by the Coordinator, and will need sixty additional hours of experience and an additional performance evaluation to be certified as level 2 tutors.

Upon completion of the level 2 program application packet, ASC's level 2 certification will be completed by the International Tutor Training Program Certification reviewers. The certification of this advanced training is important because it will attract and develop highly motivated tutors, which will increase our participants' success rates. It will also facilitate WKCTC's certified tutors in relocating to a transfer institution as they continue their education. We proudly expect to receive Level 2 Certification during the Summer of 2012 semester.



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Faculty Feedback

“On a personal and professional level, I can’t speak highly enough about the tutoring center at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Professionally, Mason has helped the radiography program with the implementation of a physics review for the radiography students. This review helps them be better prepared for their final radiography physics course and radiography national board. Mason is also helping our radiography students improve their study habits and test taking abilities by working with us on our national board preparation course in the radiography program.

Personally, all the tutors at the center have helped my nephew, a first year student, build his confidence, study habits, and test-taking skills. They have gone out of their way to provide him a positive and supportive environment in which to learn and be successful at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.”

—David J. Heflin M.S., R.T.(R), R.D.M.S., R.V.T.
Radiography Program Coordinator

Thanks for the kind words, Professor Heflin, and good luck to all of WKCTC’s radiography students with their board exams! -The Editor

Do you have feedback for the ASC?
Is there something we’re doing well or ought to be doing better?
Please email the editor at athomaso257@kctcs.edu

Does this remind you of one of your students?



Want to help them get out of the hole?

You might try recommending Academic Advocacy.

For more information on Academic Advocacy contact the Academic Support Center.

Calculated Improvement: Compass Remediation

By Ben Linzy

During the summer semester of 2011, the Academic Support Center revamped its COMPASS tutoring program to more closely match the diagnostic test used for incoming students. To make the process more efficient an online diagnostic was made available on Blackboard. This diagnostic tested students in 26 concept areas from the actual COMPASS. This allowed the tutoring staff to see which concepts the student needed help with. After a full semester of implementation results have been promising. The average time for a student to complete remediation is one month and most students are able to raise their scores and therefore the class for which they are eligible by at least one course. A few students have even gone from MAT 55 to MAT 150. While further study will be needed to fully evaluate the program, initial results have certainly been promising.



You can refer your students for tutoring at the Academic Support Center by going to the Academic Support Center page on the WKCTC website, or by browsing to:

http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Academics/Learning_Resources_for_Students/~media/WestKentucky/Academics/Tutoring/Faculty%20Referral%20Form.ashx

Get the “Hole” Story



http://westkentucky.kctcs.edu/en/Academics/Learning_Resources_for_Students/~media/WestKentucky/Academics/Tutoring/ASCReport.ashx

Fall 2011: Behind the Numbers

By Allen Thomas

Tutoring Participants — 260

Tutoring Sessions — 929

Courses Tutored — 53

Pass Rate — 71.3%

Scheduled Usage of the Center:

Overall — 83%

Peak — 91%

COMPASS Math Program

Participants — 10

Sessions — 71

Average Score Increase — 21.8 Points

The fall semester of 2011 was a busy one for the Academic Support Center. With almost one thousand tutoring sessions provided in over 50 classes, the center was operating at 91% capacity during the middle eleven weeks of the semester. Unfortunately, this meant many students seeking walk-in services were unable to receive immediate assistance, so make sure that you recommend scheduling an appointment in advance when your students need tutoring.

We at the ASC are very proud to announce that tutoring participants had a pass rate of over 70% last semester. Given that most students don't seek tutoring before they have failed a major assignment or are afraid they will fail a course, this reflects well on both the hard work of our participants and the facilitation efforts of our staff. Our COMPASS math program also appears to be a success, with participants averaging a score increase of over 20 points. It was a very good year for the Academic Support center, and we look forward to being even better in 2012.