During the Fall of 2014, 50% of students who signed in for tutoring had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. In fact, nearly 10% of students who signed in for tutoring had a GPA of 4.0!

Tutoring is not only for students who are doing poorly. Many strong students use the Learning Center and tutoring services on a daily basis.

Make it a habit to use the Learning Center to review, study, and get explanations.

Both of these mindsets are myths!
Eight reasons to ‘Come early, Come often’ to tutoring

1. **Start early in the semester!** Getting tutoring early will give you a chance to learn concepts more completely because real learning takes time.

   *Jevica, chemistry and math tutor, says, “Reviewing or practicing problems a little bit at a time will be more helpful than cramming before the test.”*

2. **Be proactive!** Working early with a tutor may help you grasp foundational concepts. Getting the basic building blocks early can prevent difficulty later in the semester.

   *Jason, biology tutor, says, “Know how to eat an elephant? One bite at a time. In other words, study at least a little bit every day, don’t wait until the end and try to gorge.”*

3. **Do it correctly!** Working early and regularly with a tutor will mean that homework and assignments will be done right. This may translate to a higher grade average and help you prepare for exams.

4. **Find balance!** Early tutoring will help you with time management skills. This means you will have time to do the fun things too!

   *Charlotte, English tutor, says, “Balance your time. Make sure you portion enough time for work, school, and taking care of other responsibilities, but don’t forget to give yourself downtime!”*

5. **Receive feedback!** Receiving early and continual feedback from a tutor may help you stay on track.

6. **Learn study skills!** Consistent work with a tutor can help you learn some important study techniques of successful students. The tutor can serve as an important role model as you learn how to “do college” successfully.

   *Bethany, math, chemistry and economics tutor, says, “Don’t wait to get help until right before an assignment is due!! Start working on a project as soon as it is assigned. Become a regular in the Learning Center.”*

7. **Impress your professor!** From the beginning, your professor will see that you are taking the course seriously and working hard to do your best.

   *Deb, English tutor, says, “Get to know your professors on a one to one basis. Don’t be afraid to ask them questions. They are the best source to find out how to complete an assignment you may have questions about.”*

8. **Build confidence!** Continuous tutoring may help you gain skills to successfully navigate through your coursework.

   *Cris, biology tutor, says, “Stick with it. Learning is a lifelong adventure.”*

Even the best of tutors cannot make a difference if you are not committed to academic improvement. You must enter each tutoring session with all learning materials, an open mind, and a positive attitude.
Why attend workshops?

Check out FREE Workshops!

A variety of college and career skills workshops are offered each semester on campus.

Workshops cover topics that may contribute to success in college and provide educational tools such as learning strategies and study skills. Having the correct tools and applying them can help you avoid serious problems in college.

Stop by the learning center, library, or counseling office for the schedule.

Or visit online at www.hacc.edu and click on Events: View Calendar.

Our biology tutors in the spotlight

Get to know our awesome biology tutors. They were asked several questions and here is what they had to say.

**Major:** Chemistry, Nursing, Health Science, Biochemistry, & Molecular Biology

**Favorite class:** microbiology, A&P, chemistry, physics, genetics, biochemistry, & nursing clinical

**Hardest class:** Statistics, calculus, chemistry, & organic chemistry

**Favorite book:** The Stand, the Bible, The Secret Garden, The Hobbit, & Harry Potter

**Favorite ice cream:** butter pecan, chocolate, bing cherry, strawberry, & mint chocolate chip

**One place I want to visit:** India, Africa, Japan, Turkey, Italy, & New Zealand

**Favorite pizza topping:** beef, veggies, anchovies, pineapple, salt, pepperoni, & Italian sausage

Tutoring is only successful if the student truly seeks and understands the importance of the help.

What students had to say about tutoring in Fall 2014

“The tutors are always VERY helpful and help to relieve the stress.”

“My tutor was just beyond helpful, thank you so much for this service!”

“Such a nice positive atmosphere to study in and get help.”

“I appreciate all the help. I wouldn't have an A in the class if it wasn't for the tutor center.”

“They have a way of lowering the stress level before a test that I need...they're wonderful!”
Academic Make-up Testing:
The Test Center provides academic make-up testing as a walk-in service for students who, with their instructor's permission, need to make up a test missed in class.

Regular testing center hours are listed on the right. To check the schedule online go to: www.hacc.edu, Students (Top), Test Center (Lower Left), and Lancaster Test Center (Lower Left).

Virtual Testing Computer Exam:
Some online courses require students to take proctored on-campus computerized tests. Students who need to take a proctored on-campus computerized test must schedule an appointment.

Check Testing Center Hours for available times. To schedule an appointment go to: www.hacc.edu, Students (Top), Test Center (Lower Left), Online Student Testing (Lower Left), and Computer Exam Form.

Virtual Testing Paper Exam:
Some online courses (math and computer science) require students to take proctored on-campus paper tests during scheduled test sessions. Students who need to take a proctored on-campus paper test do not need an appointment. You should arrive at least 15 minutes early and bring photo ID to the testing session. Each test session is two hours in length.

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