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To be a peer tutor

In order to qualify for becoming a peer tutor, students must:

- ▶ Have earned an A or B in the course they wish to tutor.
- ▶ Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the University of Maine, Orono campus.
- ▶ Be taking six or more credit hours for the current semester.
- ▶ Have an overall GPA of 2.5 (3.0 preferred).

Benefits of being a peer tutor

- ▶ Develop leadership/communication skills.
- ▶ Earn International Certification.
- ▶ Build your resume.
- ▶ Keep introductory course material current for GREs, MCATs or other professional exams.

Tutor Quote

"I really enjoy tutoring! My group was hilarious and always really excited to be at tutoring and to do activities. When they went from failing grades to passing it was confirmation that I was helping them."

Student Quote

"[My peer tutor] is very knowledgeable in this subject. He does not give us the answers, but instead helps us to find them."

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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 this learning process by encouraging students to work together to process course material as well as sharpen their reasoning and questioning skills.

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. Tutoring sessions are held Monday-Friday, during the day or evening and are conducted in a classroom on campus.

The goal of the Tutor Program is to help students become active learners at the college level. This is done by helping students to develop/refine their study skills and their learning/behavioral strategies, their critical thinking skills, and their self-confidence.

Specialized Information

Peer tutors can help students to:

- ▶ Develop/improve their study skills/learning strategies.
- ▶ Improve their self-confidence in their academic capabilities.
- ▶ Increase their overall understanding of course material.
- ▶ Improve their course grade depending upon the time, energy and effort they commit to the learning process.

Reasons why peer tutoring works:

- ▶ 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.

Requirements

In order to qualify for peer tutoring services, students must:

- ▶ Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the University of Maine, Orono campus.
- ▶ Be taking six or more credit hours for the current semester at the University of Maine.

Students who wish to be tutored in MAT 111, 114, 115, 121, 122, 126, 151 or TME 151, 152 must pass the UMaine Math Placement Exam (<http://webct.umaine.edu>) for the course in which they are registered.

To make an appointment to request a tutor, call (207) 581-2351 or stop by the office in 104 Dunn Hall during the first eight weeks of the semester.

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