Academic Support Services at MiraCosta College

Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC)
miracosta.edu/tutoring

The Tutoring & Academic Support Center (TASC) is committed to enhancing student retention and success by assisting students through innovative academic support services. TASC offers a comprehensive, free peer-tutoring program for any student enrolled in courses at MiraCosta College.

TASC is a College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA, crla.net) certified program and all TASC tutors receive training in accordance with CRLA standards. In addition, the certification provides recognition and reinforcement for the work they do.

Oceanside Campus Library/HUB
Phone 760.795.6682
Office Hours are Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

San Elijo Library/HUB
Phone 760.944.4449, x7748
Office Hours are Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Community Learning Center Academic Support Room
Phone 760.795.8724
Drop-in or appointment tutoring Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Services Offered:

- Free Tutoring available in approximately 200 courses
  - One-to-One and Group appointment tutoring
  - Drop-In tutoring
  - Note: Tutoring may not be available in all subjects
- Facilitated Learning Sessions
  - Weekly academic support sessions linked to specific classes
  - To request a Facilitated Learning Session for your course please go to the “For Faculty and Staff” area of the TASC web site
- Student Success Workshops
  - SURF, Blackboard, time management, etc.
- Tutor Training
- Online Tutoring through the online tutoring consortium (miracosta.edu/etutoring)

For additional services offered through the center, please refer to the TASC web page: miracosta.edu/tutoring.
Tutor Qualifications and Requirements
Students wishing to be tutors must meet the following qualifications:

- Have earned a B or A in the course(s) they want to tutor
- Be recommended by the instructor(s) who taught them the course(s) they want to tutor or by the supervisor(s) who manage TASC
- Be available 10-19 hours a week at hours that meet program needs and do not conflict with the student's own class schedule. The amount of time a tutor works will vary according to her/his availability, the demand for tutoring in a particular course, and the number of courses he/she tutors
- Be eligible for employment by the District
- Be available to participate in tutor training; tutor training is mandatory

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Math Learning Center (MLC)
http://www.miracosta.edu/instruction/mathematics/mathlearningcenter.html

The MLC is designed to help students in any MiraCosta mathematics class. Students are welcome to work on their homework in the MLC and ask questions when they are stuck on a problem. We have various staff in the MLC qualified to help with different classes. The MLC houses textbooks and calculators for your use while in the MLC, and video lectures that are created to go with many of the textbooks we use.

Oceanside Campus Library/HUB
Phone 760.757.2121 x6381
M.-Th. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sat. 12 p.m. -5 p.m.

San Elijo Campus Library/HUB
Phone 760.757.2121 x7781
M.-Th. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sat. Closed

Services Offered:

- Spot tutoring - More in-depth is offered through TASC
- Course textbooks and calculators for checkout within the MLC
- Mathematics exam proctoring for online classes
- Supplemental Instruction for targeted math courses

For additional services offered through the center, please refer to the MLC web page.

MLC Staff:
Janeen Apalatea, Math Learning Center Director (Spring 2014), japalatea@miracosta.edu

Kerry Ferreirae, Interim Math Learning Center Coordinator (Spring 2014), kferreirae@miracosta.edu

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At the WC, students can get assistance with any writing assignment you have, whether for English classes, biology labs, nursing, computer information science or even math classes. We can help at any stage, whether a student is brainstorming how to address the assignment, revising what they have written so far, or making a few final edits. Our Writing Consultants are good writers and friendly people who have experience talking with students about writing improvements. We have thirty-minute one-to-one appointments available for students. To get assistance, students make appointments online, by phone, or in person at the Writing Center. The Writing Center also offers workshops to assist students with topics specific to writing support (avoiding plagiarism, scholarship essays, understanding writing assignments...).

**Services Offered:**

- Writing consultations
- Workshops
- Supplemental Instruction in developmental writing and ESL
- Pilot program for online writing support
- Class visits to introduce Writing Center Services

For additional services offered through the center, please refer to the Writing Center web page.

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