

Tutor Information Session

Learning Center Mission Statement

The Learning Center provides a broad array of quality academic support services to all students at Shippensburg University. Our goal is to help students identify and achieve their individual learning goals and to fulfill their academic potential. The Learning Center empowers students to become independent, active learners by meeting the needs of a diverse student population, providing free and accessible services in a safe and supportive atmosphere, and working collaboratively with students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Tutor Training and Development

The Learning Center strives to support tutors in their preparation in assisting students who use the Learning Center. Training sessions provide tutors with information on important issues, such as dealing with group tutoring sessions, differences in learning styles, and meeting the needs of diverse learners. Monthly meetings continue to build upon improving tutor performance through more tutor development training. Finally, tutors take part in observation experiences. Tutors observe and are observed by another peer tutor and are provided valuable feedback for future growth.

Differences between Paid and Volunteer Tutors

Paid tutors are required to work 8-10 hours per week; volunteer tutors work 2-5 hours per week. Paid and volunteer tutors perform many of the same tasks. All tutors are required to attend training and monthly meetings. However, paid tutors are expected to complete other duties to support the Learning Center's needs, when they are not tutoring.

Application Process

All applicants must have:

- 3.0 or higher GPA
- At least Sophomore status
- If a transfer student, the student must attend Shippensburg University at least 1 semester before applying
- Complete tutor application and one faculty recommendation form

Once the completed application has been turned in, it will be reviewed by the Learning Center staff. Based upon the specific content area needs for the upcoming semester, applicants will be called to set up an interview.