This Week on the Ohlone eCampus

Week of October 5, 2020

Focus Topic: Tutoring

Live via Zoom and Pisces

Tutoring is FREE and is available to all enrolled students to help them meet their academic goals. Students can find the tutoring schedule listed under the Module section in the Learning Center course shells located on their student Canvas Dashboard.

The Tutoring Center at Ohlone College, offers peer tutoring in most subjects. Tutoring is being offered via ConferZoom while the college is closed to students. Embedded tutoring through Pisces is also available in several subjects and is accessible through any Learning Center shell. Faculty are encouraged to announce the different learning center tutoring shells available to their students. For more information, please visit the Tutoring Center webpage.

Subject-Specific Tutoring

- **Math Learning Center Tutoring:** Contact Andy Bloom – abloom@ohlone.edu
- **English Learning Center Tutoring**: Contact Rakesh Swamy – rswamy@ohlone.edu
- **Biology and Chemistry Learning Center Tutoring:** Contact Wengchi Man – wman1@ohlone.edu
    - Available Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm; Thursday and Friday noon to 4:00 pm; closed on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.
    - **Meet Weng Chi**: *I am the instructional assistant who oversees the day-to-day operations of the learning center. This is my 5th year at Ohlone. I have a PhD in biochemistry. Apart from hiring and managing the student tutors, I am also one of the tutors at the learning center. All of our tutors are very friendly. We have all taken biology or chemistry courses at some point and we understand the challenges that students may face. Some of our tutors were once tutees at our learning center. They were recruited to join the tutoring team after they completed their biology or chemistry courses successfully. Whether your students are striving to improve their grades, or they just want to be able to discuss the course materials with someone, we are here to help. The tutoring service is totally free, and no appointment is needed. We would greatly appreciate it if you can encourage your students to drop into our center. Thanks!*
- **Accounting Lab Tutoring:** Contact Long Nguyen – lnguyen129@ohlone.edu
- **Deaf Studies Lab ASL-Math-English, Deaf Studies Lab – English Tutoring and Deaf Studies Lab – Math Tutoring:** Contact Jaurong Lin – jlin39@ohlone.edu
- **Computer Science and CNET Lab Tutoring –** Embedded tutoring only – No lab tutoring
- **Communication Lab**

If you would like more information about any of our tutoring centers, please contact Brotati Guha (bguha@ohlone.edu).

Asynchronous Via NetTutor

Ohlone College students also have access to subject specific tutoring through NetTutor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NetTutor, free 24/7 online tutoring, is available to Ohlone students and is accessible through all courses and learning center shells on the Canvas site. Therefore, we encourage all instructors to make NetTutor visible on the dashboard in their shell so that students can access tutoring in any subject 24/7. Students will find NetTutor useful, especially after hours when live tutoring is not provided by Ohlone College instructors, staff, and student tutors through ConferZoom.

Here's a [Student User Guide for NetTutor](#) that you may share with your students.

Professional Development:

Upcoming professional development three-week courses:

- ***Creating Accessible Course Content*** – **October 12.** [Register here.](#)
    - Still working to make your course materials accessible? Sign up for CACC to refine your skills. Everything you create will be material you're using. We'll also have a conversation about alternatives – what if you had students create a shared flashcard deck of terms instead of sharing your presentation slides? This 3-week course launches **October 12.** We will have 3 synchronous 50-minute sessions for demonstration purposes. Recorded and captioned versions will be available for those unable to attend.
- ***Humanizing Online Teaching and Learning*** - **November 2.** [Register here.](#)
- ***Ohlone Online Teaching Capstone*** - **November 30.** [Register here.](#)

eCampus Inspirations – Continue to Learn With Us

Gradescope (pre-recorded presentation)

Day	Date	Time	Facilitator	Zoom Link
Wednesday	10/7	12:00 – 1:00 pm	eCampus	[Meeting Link](#)

Course review workshop

Are you interested in taking a closer look at your course before you copy it over for next semester? If you are up for evaluation this year, this will give you a valuable jumpstart in that process. We will walk you through a self-assessment process in Looking Beyond Evaluation.

Day	Date	Time	Facilitator	Zoom Link
Monday	10/5	1:00 – 2:30 pm	eCampus	[Registration required](#).
Monday	10/5	6:30 – 8:00 pm	eCampus	[Registration required](#).
TBD	TBD	TBD	eCampus	[Propose a later date](#)

Other Learning Opportunities - VoiceThread
- VoiceThread Basics 1: Upload, Comment and Share – October 6 at 1:00 pm (ET) Register
- VoiceThread Basics 2: Groups and Secure Sharing – October 13 at 1:00 pm (ET) Register
- VoiceThread Basics 3: Moderating comments, private and threaded replies, and copying – October 20 at 1:00 pm (ET) Register
- Using VoiceThread in Canvas – October 27 at 1:00 pm (ET) Register

Faculty Support
Need help? Please submit an IT ticket and be sure to include the following information: a few days/times you are available, and specific tasks/questions you would like assistance with.

Equity Corner
We're continuing the dialogue around the important work involved in breaking down barriers of racism, sexism and other systemic inequities. This week, we explore the importance of our social and emotional skill sets and the role they play in helping us address the topic of equity. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Equity in Higher Education is an enlightening panel discussion that highlights the importance of emotional equity in higher education.

Notes from Mary
Note of Appreciation
I want to give a shout out to the instructional assistants at Ohlone who have created online tutoring space for our students from the first day of SIP – totally amazing! They schedule over 100 student tutors on a weekly basis, host tutoring sessions multiple hours each day (zoom fatigue), gather the necessary information for apportionment and are always ready to help any student. They have dealt professionally and compassionately in instances where they have been Zoom bombed or on the receiving end of Zoom pranks. Their dedication to serving all Ohlone students is noticed, appreciated, and valued. Thank you!

MS Teams
In addition to one-on-one tutoring options, students meet with their peers to study or hang out together using Microsoft (MS) Teams. As a MS Office 365 campus, all students and faculty have access to MS Teams application. MS Teams has many features but the ones that may be most appealing to your students are free video conferencing and chat. MS Teams uses ohlone.edu email addresses to bring people together - meaning students do not need to share personal information to form a group. The application is free with an ohlone.edu email address and can be downloaded to laptops, tablets, and mobile devices. Here's a Teams first steps video to share with your students. If they have questions, please ask them to submit an eCampus ticket.