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Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)

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The transition from high school to college brings many changes: new friends and new living arrangements, newfound independence and study habits. The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) and the Writing Center are dedicated to helping Bryant students adapt their study habits to achieve success and meet the University's rigorous academic standards. All services are provided free of charge.

An average of 2,500 Bryant students access the services of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) each year, and they find the skills they learn help them not only academically but also beyond college into their professional lives.

All students can benefit from some type of study-skills training. Much like learning how to play a musical instrument or improving an athletic ability, regular practice of new study skills is necessary in order for them to become second nature. You'll learn to meet the demands of your chosen curriculum through ACE's internationally accredited peer tutoring program and study skills instruction by professional staff. Study groups are encouraged, since teamwork is typical in the workplace and graduate school.

ACE offers a wide range of programs to meet your varied needs. The professional staff engage in a partnership with students, peer tutors, and faculty to work together to foster a supportive learning environment.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- **PEER TUTORING:** The College Reading and Learning Association certifies the Peer Tutoring program. Peer tutors are trained and serve as role models to motivate students to become better scholars. One-on-one and group tutoring are available in a variety of academic subjects.
- **INDIVIDUAL LEARNING AND STUDY STRATEGY ASSESSMENTS:** Students learn at different speeds and have their own unique learning styles. Learning specialists help students find out what learning and study strategies work best for them.
- **STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS:** Throughout the semester, study skills workshops cover topics such as time management, note taking, test preparation, and how to combat procrastination.

- **LD SERVICES:** Students with learning disabilities who require special accommodations are required to schedule an appointment with a learning specialist as soon as they register for courses each semester.
- **APPOINTMENTS:** Students are encouraged to visit ACE. They may drop in or make an appointment with a professional staff member.

STAFF

The staff of Bryant's Academic Center for Excellence includes a network of both full-time and part-time professionals who are specialists in math, English as a Second Language (ESL), academic skills, and learning disabilities. Peer tutors are Bryant students who have been recommended by the faculty because of their ability in certain disciplines. Peer tutors provide cooperative, immediate, and non-threatening individualized assistance with homework or test preparation.

All sessions are confidential.

LOCATION

ACE is located in the Koffler Rotunda in the Unistructure and is adjacent to Janikies Theatre. Meeting rooms for group or one-on-one sessions are available. The center's hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 to 10 p.m. Appointments are recommended.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Academic Center for Excellence at (401) 232-6746. ACE is on the Web at web.bryant.edu/~ace.



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The Writing Center

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You've just been assigned a paper to write for one of your classes. You know what you want to say; you're just not sure how to get started. Or maybe you have questions about how to cite references, or you'd like someone to look at your draft for grammar and punctuation.

Bryant students have access to the Writing Center – an excellent, free resource designed to strengthen writing skills. Many classes require students to complete written assignments because the ability to write clearly and effectively is a critical skill in any professional field. Undergraduate and graduate students can take advantage of individual consultations and group programs.

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Everyone learns in his or her own way, at his or her own pace. Recognizing this, the Writing Center staff offer a variety of tutoring options designed to build writing skills and confidence. The center's staff help students help themselves.

Services are available by appointment and on a walk-in basis. One-on-one sessions are offered by both professional staff and student writing consultants. Students can bring in a paper at any stage of development, for any course, and receive assistance.

Workshops are offered in the Writing Center and at other campus locations. Topics are varied, ranging from "How to Overcome Writer's Block" to "How to Write a Research Paper." With one week's notice, a group of students can identify a topic of common concern, choose a meeting time and location, and the Writing Center staff will be there to assist.

The Writing Center's reference library houses numerous materials containing information about grammar, word choice, and documentation. Students are encouraged to utilize these resources for their writing projects.

STAFF

The Writing Center staff includes professional writing specialists, an English as a Second Language (ESL) writing specialist, and student writing consultants. The student consultants, who are recommended by Bryant faculty for their writing and problem-solving abilities, are also trained by the center's director. They are capable writers from a variety of disciplines who are willing and able to help their fellow students develop strong writing skills.

LOCATION

The Writing Center is located in the Koffler Rotunda in the Unistructure and is adjacent to Janikies Theatre, in the Academic Center for Excellence. Meeting rooms for group or one-on-one sessions are available. The center's hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 to 10 p.m. Appointments are recommended, but students may also take advantage of the center's walk-in hours (check web.bryant.edu/~ace for current walk-in hours). Sessions are confidential, whether with a professional or a student consultant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Stephanie Carter at The Writing Center at (401) 232-6567 or scarter@bryant.edu. The Writing Center is on the Web at web.bryant.edu/~ace.