



Dear New Faculty Colleague,

Welcome to West Chester University! The Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LARC) provides tutoring and academic support services to help students become independent and active learners and achieve academic success. We aim to promote learning and development in a diversity of student populations by assessing and teaching the cognitive and affective skills and strategies necessary for achieving academic and personal learning goals.

The LARC serves more than 1,600 students each semester. We offer tutoring in more than 60 general education courses. Over 100 tutors work at the LARC in any given semester, each of whom has received an A in the course, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and receives a minimum of ten hours of training through the College Reading and Learning Association certification program.

Students who receive tutoring have consistently raised our services as *very helpful* in developing student skills and mastering course content. Tutoring is free, but students must make a commitment to attend sessions once per week. Students who miss two consecutive sessions or three sessions during the semester are dropped from the tutoring to make room for students on the waitlist.

We offer the following services:

- **Tutoring**- the LARC offers tutoring services in most general education courses, such as mathematics, physics, social sciences, foreign languages, and introductory business.
- **Supplemental Instruction**- Supplemental Instruction (SI) is available in several high-risk biology and chemistry courses.
- **Early Alert**-The mission of the Early Alert Program (EAP) is to provide early intervention through early indicators to students identified through multiple collegiate channels as needing additional academic and social support.
- **Academic Success Workshops**- Academic Success Workshops (ASW) and individualized sessions demonstrate the application of learning strategies to course content.
- **Basic Skills Test Workshops**- One series of eight sessions to prepare for the Basic Skills Test (BST) is offered each semester for the math, reading, and writing sections of the test.
- **Smarthinking**- online tutoring is available for biology, chemistry, and math courses. To obtain a faculty code to sample the system, please contact us.

**Tutoring hours** are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration this year will begin on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for biology and chemistry and on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> for all other courses. For more information:

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- Visit us on the web at [www.wcupa.edu/larc](http://www.wcupa.edu/larc).

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