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Academic Skills Center offers free peer tutoring

By **Dawn Pauli**, contributing writer

Sophomore Schenl Hanna is acing Math 011 this semester thanks to assistance from her tutor at the **Academic Skills Center**.

"Going to the tutor has made a big difference," the nursing major said, "It really helps and motivates me to do my work."

Biology major Kelly Cole agrees that tutoring is beneficial. The senior is getting extra help this semester from a calculus tutor.

"They really keep you in line," she said. "I go there and do my homework two or three times a week. If I get stuck on something, there's someone to ask. I'm also more prepared to take the tests."

About 1,500 students visit the **Academic Skills Center** throughout the year, said Charles Clark, director of the Academic Skills Center.

"We help students take their performance to the next level. We can help students bring a B up to an A, or a C up to a B," Clark said. "In addition, we help those who are struggling with a class or are having difficulty completing assignments find they don't have enough foundational knowledge for the course."

According to the **statistics** gathered by the Academic Skills Center, the average grade of a tutored course is 2.85, and students who attended 10 or more tutoring sessions during the semester earned an average grade of 2.92.

Peer tutors are available to work with students either one-on-one or in a group, and the service is free of charge to all enrolled OU students.

"Math is far and away the most requested subject. Forty percent of the tutoring we do is for math," Clark said. "Quantitative business related courses, such as accounting, economics and finance are a distant second."

Tutoring is available at 103 North Foundation Hall Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 121 West Vandenberg Hall, it is available Sunday through Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. Other times are available by appointment.

No appointment is necessary for walk-in tutoring. A complete schedule is on the **Walk-In Tutoring** Web page. Students who prefer to make an appointment with a tutor can visit the **Tutoring by Appointment** Web page and use the online search to find a tutor and schedule an appointment.

If a tutor is not available for a particular subject, a **Tutor Request Form** can be submitted and the Academic Skills Center will make every effort to locate a tutor to meet your needs.

Tutor appointments last an hour, and students can schedule up to three appointments per subject, per week.

For more information about peer tutoring, visit the **Academic Skills Center** Web site or contact the center at (248) 370-4215 or asc@oakland.edu.

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