A CRLA Certified Center

In July of 2013, the AAC received certification in all 3 levels for its tutors through the international certifying program of CRLA. What does this mean for ABAC and its tutors? Our tutors now receive over 10 hours of approved training each semester so that they can serve the ABAC population to the best of their ability. Our tutors are trained on such areas as content tutoring, working with students with disabilities, challenging tutees and adult learners, to name only a few of the topics covered. Additionally, tutors must be evaluated and tutor a specific number of hours each semester for the certification. In short, our tutors are meeting strict certification requirements and take real pride in their work as a tutor.

AAC Tutor Criteria:

- Must have (and maintain) an overall gpa of 3.0 or higher
- Can only tutor in classes they've taken and earned an A or B in and feel comfortable tutoring
- Must maintain all their CRLA certification requirements each semester
- Must submit 2 strong references from ABAC faculty

Did you Know?

- The AAC currently has a 99% retention rate of its tutors– we typically have only 1 to 2 tutors leave each semester for graduation
- The AAC logged over 9,000 student visits in the fall 2015 semester
- During final exams, the AAC is open until 2 am most days
- We have a number of tutors with a 4.0 gpa who also work another job
- The AAC has non-traditional tutors as well as traditional-aged tutors
- Starting Spring 2016, the AAC will have a presence in the Veterans Center as well

Find tutor pics, schedules and tutor specialties online at:

http://www.abac.edu/academics/academicsupport/tutoring
Frequently Asked Questions about the AAC:

Will the AAC tutors edit papers for students?

- AAC tutors are trained to never edit a student’s paper. Tutoring is a very engaged and collaborative process between the tutor and the tutee. The AAC writing tutors cannot always read an entire draft of a paper, but they can review some pages and offer ideas for common issues seen. They can also help with all stages of the writing process.

Is tutoring appointment-based or drop-in?

- Most of our tutoring is drop-in based. We currently have a nursing tutor that does some appointment tutoring due to her restricted schedule while in the nursing program.

Is there any way I can get some information on the students I have that are visiting the tutoring center?

- When students come in to the AAC, they are encouraged to log in to our online tracking system. Writing tutors also complete a session info sheet when time permits. These info sheets are mailed out to faculty to let you know what your students came in for. We can also send you reports that can tell you if a student of your’s has visited the tutoring center (and logged in to the system). The key is to let your students know that logging in is critical.

Can tutors come to speak to my classes or do workshops for my students?

- The AAC is happy to arrange a class visit from either the coordinator of the AAC or a tutor. During this quick visit, we announce our hours and resources to students. However, we do not have the staff to host workshops for classes as of right now. Academic Support hosts several workshops and events throughout the semester.

What Can We Tutor?

- AAC tutors can tutor students in any class they have taken, earned an A or a B in and feel comfortable tutoring.
- We cover most classes offered at ABAC, although we don’t have tutors for all majors, ranging from Anatomy and Physiology to Music.
- The courses tutors specialize in are posted on the AAC website, along with pictures of each tutor and their schedule.
- If you feel a student would make a good tutor, please do refer them to the application online or let Rebecca Cofer know. We love faculty referrals!

Special Events and Hours

- Dog Daze in The Meadows– therapy dogs visit the campus to help students with stress during finals
- Academic Workshops– topics include plagiarism, resume help and other topics related to student success
- Extended hours during finals– open until 2 am most nights during final exams

AAC Semester Tutoring Hours

Mondays through Thursdays: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Fridays 9:00 am-1:00 pm
The AAC remains open until midnight Mondays through Thursdays and until 3:00 pm on Fridays.