

THE VALUE OF A GOOD TUTOR

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College classes can prove to be quite demanding, especially for students with a handful of courses. It can be easy to get buried in homework, but the Tutorial Center on Fresno City's campus offers free tutoring for a multitude of subjects, from Biology and Math to American Sign Language.

The tutorial center is located in the library, room Li-134. There are around 60 tutors available for drop-in Math classes alone, according to longtime tutor Gino Gamboni.

"I cover a wide variety of classes, and drop-ins teach whatever type of math students come in with. It's kind of random, but there's also Embedded tutoring which focuses on one student and one subject at a time," Gamboni said.

Students are able to drop in from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, and the center closes at 2 p.m. on Friday. It's closed on Saturday, but opens up again on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Drop-in tutoring refers to the public tables/white boards in the Tutorial Center that are always open and busy throughout the week- students can arrive in groups and study under the same umbrellas of Math, Physics, Engineering, or Computer Science.

This collaboration with classmates can make learning more personable- especially considering most of the tutors are active students themselves. And keep in mind that the Tutorial Center also offers online tutoring for certain classes during the week.

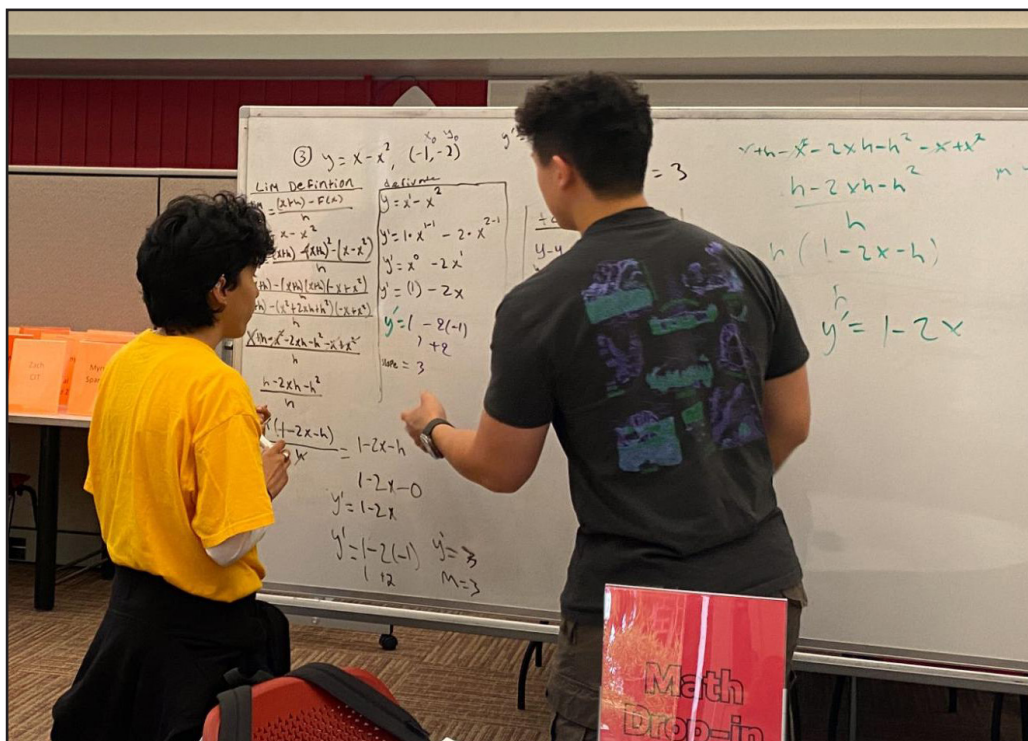
It makes sense for students to be hesitant of being

coached through even more textbook problems after a 2-hour math class. But there's a key difference that separates FCC tutoring from tutoring businesses like Mathnasium- the easy accessibility.

The Tutorial Center has scheduled times for even the smallest classes- always free of charge and open throughout the week. Janine Alvine, a Criminology tutor majoring in Administrative Justice can be found at the foot of a whiteboard table; waiting for those that need an extra push.

"There aren't many students that come in for Criminology, just because it's one of the more niche subjects... but when students finally understand something, the look they get, that face of relief just makes it all worth it," Alvine reflected.

The tutors are gaining more from this than just human connection; their expertise is being amply paid for by the



KYLE WONG TEACHES DROP-IN MATH TUTORING IN THE BUSY TUTORIAL CENTER AS EMBEDDED TUTORING LESSONS FUNCTION ABOVE ON FEB. 21, 2024. PHOTO BY LOGAN PAYNE.

college. The application to be a tutor can be found digitally on the tutorial services website for those interested. Being a student worker will bring in some extra income, and the title can be used on a resume or scholarship application.

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY FIND JOBS

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The Career and Employment Center provides a variety of resources to currently enrolled students and Fresno City College alumni.

The Career Center at FCC serves students for personalized career counseling sessions, where students can receive guidance based on their academic background, interests, and career aspirations. These strategies for professional development help students navigate their career paths.

The Career Center offers workshops and one-on-one sessions dedicated to resume writing, cover letter composition and interview techniques. Students can also take sessions to practice their communication skills, build confidence and receive constructive feedback from experienced professionals.

Donna Cooper is the Dean of Instruction and Student Learning Support Services at FCC. She said the Career Center is beneficial to students.

"They'll do mock interviews with them and help them talk through, how do you need to dress for this particular job that you're going for an interview for," Cooper said.

Cooper emphasized the importance of preparing students for job readiness.

"We help hundreds of students every month make connections in getting a job. So we have something called Jobspeaker, which is an online jobs board," Cooper said.

The website Jobspeaker can help students connect with local colleges to identify possible candidates for any organization's workforce. They also manage every aspect of a work based learning program.

Students can call to make an appointment, or they can just walk in. If a staff member is not available, they will schedule an appointment for the student.

FCC has been moving towards making it easier to help students get jobs..

"We've spent the last five years in the midst of the pandemic, really looking at how should we group all of our majors together. We spent a great deal of time reviewing and looking at our pathways, and we continue to reflect, and I'm sure they will change and morph over time,"

Cooper said.

The five Ram pathways include :

- Arts, Communication and Language
- Business
- Culture, Education and Society
- Health and Stem
- Tech and Trades

package," Cooper said.

Britney Felix is a student at FCC who has used the resources at the career center to get a job.

"We did a bunch of personality tests and figured out what are my different options or what would work best for me, when choosing a career path, or even changing my major. I also figured out a lot of backup plans, in case what

I was currently going for didn't work for me or didn't go through," said Felix.

Felix is grateful for the opportunities offered on Jobspeaker.

"It's not just things that are on campus. I made a resume. I went on Jobspeaker after applying for federal work study. I just was applying to all the ones that I could possibly apply to. Then I just got a call for here one day, I went into the interview, called back like, a week or two later, and I got the job, I definitely wouldn't have known how to get a student aid job without them," Felix said.

Internship opportunities are also available in the Career Center.

FCC is hosting a spring job fair on Wednesday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the FCC library. About 40 employers are looking to hire.



THE FIRST JOB FAIR OF THE SPRING 2024 SEMESTER WAS ON FEB. 23. THE JOB FAIR IS ORGANIZED BY FCC TO HELP STUDENTS AND ALSO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO APPLY FOR A POSITION AT SPAN. PHOTO BY MICHAEL LIN.

These pathways help the staff give students advice and direction. The staff meets with students to talk about their career based on the pathway they are in. They connect students with people in their career to help align them to the work world.

FCC also offers the Learning Aligned Education Program (LAEP) that gives students an opportunity to earn money while gaining educational career-related employment.

LAEP helps students benefit from a position that relates to the student's area of study, career objective, or the exploration of career objectives. The program includes and emphasizes positions for students with employers that are capable of providing them with full-time employment opportunities after graduation.

Students from underrepresented backgrounds are prioritized for participation.

"LAEP is a financial aid program that is awarded to eligible students as part of their financial aid award

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