

# Teaching and Learning Center



## Students Excel in Classes Thanks to FREE Tutoring

Students across campus are benefiting from free tutoring provided by HCC's Teaching and Learning Center. Students are receiving free tutoring from over 15 trained tutors. There are currently over 80 students benefiting from tutoring either one on one or in lab offerings. Tutoring improves test scores and overall grade performance by increasing confidence in the learner, helping with study skills, and a better understanding of course material. At the college level adult learners learn better through working with others and benefit from the accountability tutoring provides. And tutoring is fun! Come by the TLC today to get an application!



## TUTOR TRAINING BETTER THAN EVER

Tutors attended three tutor training sessions this semester founded on the Center for Reading and Learning Association's Tutor Training Principles. Each session provided information to students in order to

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courage good practices. Tutor training sessions included small group sessions, learning disabilities teaching techniques, and supplemental resources including HCC's tutor training handbook found on Blackboard. Dynamic presenters such as Lucy Lowe, Ann Parsons, Shelley Blyel, and TLC staff provided outstanding information to our new tutors. If you would like more information on our tutor training materials please contact the TLC today!

### TLC HOURS

Monday -Thursday:  
8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Phone: 627-4696

### Location

The Teaching and Learning Center is located in Bldg 300 – Room 339B

### TLC Services

- Free Peer Tutoring
- Free Online Tutoring
- Math/Writing/Science Labs
- Supplementary Materials
- English/Math/Reading Review
- Instructor Make-up Tests
- Assistance with Internet Classes
- Academic Workshops

## Meet One of Our Tutors: Martha Redemske

If you visit the Teaching and Learning Center, one person that you are likely to meet is Martha Redemske. She is an associate in arts degree student with plans to pursue helping others through art and teaching. Her artwork consists of Native American colored pencil drawings that portray a story and always have a theme of hope. She describes herself as “odd” but in reality she is a fascinating, unique, and beautiful person whose passion in life is helping and encouraging people. Her past educational experiences were negative and she avoided math completely. Now she is excelling in her course work because of the encouragement and confidence she has gained through her classes, working with other students, and interacting with instructors. She believes that “HCC is the best learning experience she has ever had” and because of HCC she has regained confidence in her abilities to excel in her coursework and plans to enroll in statistics this spring. Currently she is a science and math tutor. She also has a gift of listening and seeing student’s strengths and helping them achieve their goals. We are so glad to have you Martha!



## HCC’s Teaching and Learning Center Recognized in NCTLA Newsletter

Haywood Community College Teaching and Learning Staff are members and regular attendees at the North Carolina Tutoring and Learning Association (NCTLA). This year HCC was featured in the state newsletter. The article highlighted our outstanding volunteer tutor Leora Shermerhorn and her achievement as finalist in the Volunteer Tutor of the Year award at the 2008 Basic Skills and Family Literacy Conference in August. Leora has been a volunteer tutor at HCC since 2001. The Teaching and Learning Center is always looking for great volunteers! Come by the TLC today!



## *What’s New with Student Success Services?*

Student Success Services is a new branch of HCC combining The Teaching & Learning Center, Developmental Education, and Adult Education and has greatly improved the services offered to students. Under the leadership of Director Elaine Barnes, tutors received a raise and TLC faculty member Susan Roberts was brought on full time this fall. Also, the departments are now working hand in hand to increase learning across campus. Adult Education Faculty member Shelley Bleyl is now a frequent speaker in the TLC tutor training sessions and brings her knowledge of helping students with learning disabilities to our tutors. Also, tutors from the TLC are bringing life stories to adult education students to encourage them to take advantage of free tutoring and share their success stories.

## What does the TLC offer?

The TLC provides academic support primarily through tutoring and testing. Thanks to faculty we are continuing to expand math, writing, and science labs, as well as academic workshops. The Teaching & Learning Center is involved with students on a daily basis. Our focus is student success. By combining resources we’re able to strengthen learning links between programs and improve learning outcomes. TLC staff members look forward to another semester of active involvement with students and faculty. In 2009 the Math Emporium will be located in the 300 building where the print shop was located.