

GaTA 2016 Presentation Descriptions

Learning Styles & Personality Types

Maria Batty , Gail McCain

Tutors will learn how to identify learning styles and personality types, so they can calibrate their instructional techniques to communicate most effectively with students. Participants are invited (but not required) to take the following assessments before the presentation: the Jung Typology Test (based on Myers-Briggs personality types) at <http://www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/jtypes1.htm> and the Index of Learning Styles Questionnaire at <http://www4.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/f/felder/public/ILSpage.html> (scroll down to ILS Questionnaire).

COMPASS to ACCUPLACER

Janelle Mendoza-Guerra, Penny Womack

As the test creators of the COMPASS Placement Exam prepare to phase out, both the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) have chosen the ACCUPLACER as the replacement exam. The objective of this workshop is to offer an understanding of the changes in the academic rigor, to share effective study materials, and discuss best practices towards helping students reach their desired academic goals.

Tiered Pay Structures

Paul Johnson

Attention all Directors and Coordinators! Come learn about the challenges involved in updating tutor pay structures. Pay structures can reward tutors who complete training and who tutor specialty subjects. The presentation will review findings from the Crossroads of Learning national survey, LRNASST-L posts, and advice from HR and Budget Services.

Beyond Snapchat: Communication Skills as a Tutor

Rebecca Cofer & Associates

Let's get back to the basics with tutor communication skills! This session will address communication skills with tutees and also with the tutors' coworkers in the center. Three Level III tutors will provide examples, tips and data about communication as a tutor. The session is intended for all audiences.

Retention Strategy

Lizann Gibson

A STEM Career Club, connected to the College and the Community, to help Perimeter College students stay focused on a career path, achieve academic success, earn an Associate's degree, and have the

necessary skills for an internship or an entry-level job in the local IT and Healthcare industries to help close the skill gap.

Feng Shui Your Work Space

Nancy McDaniel

This session will highlight ways to organize your work space for increased productivity using the Feng Shui philosophy.

Tough Topics in A&P: Fluid Compartment Movements and Ph (2-part session)

Mark Hollier

Teaching tough topics in A&P: osmosis and pH. These topics are typically taught separately, and only the relevant parts are covered as each body system is discussed. This poses a problem for students with trying to connect these separate pieces of information together to understand how the different body systems work together to achieve overall body homeostasis. Both topics will be presented in separate presentations going from basic concepts to linking the different body systems together to achieve overall homeostasis of the body.

Tutoring Methods & Modalities

Sandy Calloway

Developing a study guide for statistics can seem overwhelming at times with so much information for students to absorb. I would like to present a method for summarizing statistical concepts that tutors, students, and coordinators can use to highlight key concepts and aid students in developing their mathematical study skills.

Twenty-Minute Tutor

Charles Lyon

Geared primarily for writing tutors, this session is designed to help tutors make the most of a 20-minute session with a student. In this presentation, tutors will learn how to identify students' problems quickly and deal with them effectively. Session participants will be encouraged to relate frustrating incidents in the hope that the entire group can learn from them. Special emphasis will be placed on how to get students to do for themselves. The session will focus on showing students how to proofread, showing students how to expand an idea, how to analyze, how to incorporate material from sources into a paper, etc. Expect a lively hour with lots of examples.

4 Generation Working Together: What Everyone Needs to Know and Do

Lizann Gibson

This workshop will give insight to the backgrounds and the events that shaped the beliefs and traits of each of the four generations and how to be productive using everyone's skills and talents to accomplish a common goal:

- Traditionalists 1925-1945
- Baby Boomers 1946 -1964
- Generation X 1965-1981
- Millennials 1982-2002

Which one are YOU?

Study Skills

Taylor Wilson

The Study Skills Workshop will focus on how we retain memory and how to capitalize on retention. Study habits tailored to specific learning styles will be discussed, and the audience will participate in activities throughout the presentation to test their memory and learning ability. Participants will leave with increased knowledge on how to help students succeed.

Symposium on Gender-Neutral Language

Cole Thomas

If you tire of forced plural constructions, hesitate to use that singular "they," or wish there was a way to refer to an ambiguously presenting student with a term that's neither "him" nor "her," show up and speak up! It's our language; let's investigate! Symposium will entail workshopping the addition of epicene (gender-free) pronouns to our center or campus writing and speaking protocols in an attempt to encourage participants to consider these innovations in their writing, speaking, and tutoring. Please complete this survey prior to attendance -- <http://georgiatutoringassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/pronoun-survey-1.pdf>

– and forward to mbatty@gsu.edu. Even if you don't attend, we would love your input on this survey!

No Pencil? No Paper? No Problem!

Sharon Largent

This is a tutoring technique where the tutor is encouraged to put down the pencil and paper, thus allowing the student to do most, if not all, of the writing to better understand different topics. This session also addresses improving communication skills by the tutor.

Innovative Ways to Provide Tutoring

Katie Funk

This presentation focuses on new methods for supporting students through tutoring by incorporating the newest technology. The session will explain the following subjects in detail: an innovation solution for one-to-one tutoring, new technology to support online tutoring, and an online tutor-training course.

The Tutor-Student Relationship in 15 Minutes

Greg Kelley

The tutorial situation is an exemplary case of what Jürgen Habermas calls “discourse oriented toward understanding.” As such, the tutor-student relationship is regulated by the conditions of sincerity, factuality, and ethics. Of these, the ethical dimension--respect for autonomy--is paramount. By approaching the tutorial session in the spirit of mutual understanding, the tutor quickly establishes the tutor-student relationship.

How Tutoring Services Can Take Advantage of the Internet (a Webex Session)

Jay Dosunmu

This discussion will focus on:

1. Benefits of having an online tutoring service
2. Limitations of online tutoring
3. Challenges of setting up an online tutoring center
4. The future of learning and online tutoring innovations

Motivational Examples for Math & Science

Harry Lee

Discussing theoretical practices can be boring. So this session will introduce real-world examples of mathematics and science. The discussion will include history, noble, and natural phenomena of daily life. By introducing creative narratives, tutors can engage math and science students in an interesting and refreshing way.

Have you seen Smarthinking lately?

Jenifer Luton

Smarthinking has been the leader in online tutoring since 1999. This old dog is still learning new tricks. We will cover the factors that set Smarthinking apart from the rest and why they matter. We will also showcase the brand new, modernized student interface and exciting new feature: Group Tutoring!

Demystifying Dyslexia

Maria Batty

Dyslexia is not disabling! It affects 20-30% of the population, and not just their reading but their math and science skills as well. See what makes dyslexics “different”—and often gifted!—and explore techniques that can help you help them master their material.

Not a Typical Job: The Impact of Peer Tutoring on the Tutor

Rebecca Cofer & Associates

Numbers and data speak! Come learn how tutoring positively effects the tutor, which can be used to justify your center’s work and more financial support from administration. Studies in the field only address the effect on the tutee, but understanding the impact on the tutor can help in numerous ways.