

CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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Our focus is on student learning and student success.

Our Mission

The Center for Student Success promotes student learning, academic engagement, and timely degree completion through the coordination of peer-based academic support programs. The Center fosters student persistence and enhanced individualized student outcomes through timely communication between faculty, staff and students.

Through collaborative efforts with faculty, academic departments, and student services, the Center provides an inclusive, student-oriented learning environment which stimulates academic engagement and the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and personal attributes in support of lifelong learning.

Our Student Learning Outcomes

As a result of participation in our services (peer advising, writers' studio, subject tutoring), students will:

- Be able to identify skills and strategies to study effectively, manage time, and set and achieve academic goals.
- Be able to utilize skills and strategies to solve novel problems across academic disciplines and overcome obstacles to learning.
- Gain confidence in their ability to persist in their academic pathway at New Paltz toward a timely graduation.

Students employed at the Center for Student Success (Peer Advisors, Peer Writing Consultants, and Peer Subject Tutors) will:

- Develop a comprehensive set of skills and tools to communicate effectively in order to build rapport, facilitate learning, and work across differences.
- Develop a personal leadership style that leverages individual strengths and guides and motivates peers.

Our Services

Writer's Studio

Need help with a paper? Our writing consultants are here to help! Come in to work one-on-one with a peer writing consultant on any written work. Writing sessions are one-on-one at the CSS or our satellite location at the AWC.

Our Writing Consultants can assist with any of the following topics:

- reviewing writing prompts or instructions
- brainstorming
- prewriting
- developing an outline
- developing a thesis
- developing a draft

- revising a draft
- assisting with proofreading strategies
- review of final draft
- assist with resource referrals related to citation, grammar, etc.

Sessions at our Writing Studio are one-on-one, student-led sessions at the Center for Student Success. Sessions are limited to one per day and three per week. To get the most out of our sessions, we recommend attending them well in advance of deadlines. Please note that we cannot give class credit or extra credit for attending sessions at this time.

English Language Learners and ESL Students

The Center for Student Success offers specialized writing support to students who are non-native English speakers. Please see the CSS schedule to schedule an appointment with one of our ELL writing consultants.

Peer Coaching

Feeling overwhelmed? Need a study plan? Struggling to manage your time? Academic coaching is a great resource for you! Peer coaching sessions are one-on-one at the CSS or our satellite location at the AWC.

Peer Coaches Can Help With:

- time management
- creating a study plan for an individual class, all classes or a general schedule
- registration questions and questions about My Schedule Planner
- organization and organizing class materials
- concentration techniques
- tips to avoid procrastination and increase motivation
- specific study techniques such as note taking, textbook reading and memorization
- information about campus resources and how to contact individual offices

Peer Advisors facilitate one-on-one, 30-minute sessions with students throughout the semester. Students can choose to attend one session or a series of sessions to get the assistance they need.

Interested in the 4 Session Series? Please email the CSS at css@newpaltz.edu (css@newpaltz.edu) for more information and for the registration form. Please note you will need a faculty referral to sign up.

Subject Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction

Need help with a class? Our Subject Tutors and Supplemental Instruction Leaders are here to help! Check out the subjects offered [here](#). Our tutors can help you solve problems, review content and learn new study skills. Sessions are appointment based and in small group format.

For questions, please email css@newpaltz.edu.