

UMBC'S WRITING CENTER

What is the Writing Center?

The Writing Center, part of the Learning Resources Center's tutoring program, offers free peer tutoring to UMBC students for writing in ALL UMBC courses. Peer tutors can also assist with application essays, personal statements, and resumes, though we highly recommend that students first visit the Career Services Center for help with job-related materials.

Who are the Writing Center Tutors?

First and foremost, they're your fellow students! Tutors come from a variety of different majors and backgrounds, but they have all taken English 395, a 4-credit course that teaches writing theory and peer tutoring methods. While taking the course, students work as interns in the Writing Center. After successfully completing English 395, students are hired by the LRC as writing tutors. They may take additional tutor training through the LRC's nationally recognized CRLA Tutor Certification Program. All LRC tutors must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above.

How can I become a Writing Center Tutor?

Students interested in becoming Writing Center tutors may submit materials to the Interim Writing Center Director, Ms. Elaine MacDougall, either by dropping them off at the Writing Center, delivering them to her mailbox (fourth floor of PAHB), or by emailing her at efickl@umbc.edu. Interested candidates **MUST** include **TWO** letters of recommendation (from college professors—not high school teachers), a resume, and two writing samples, totaling at least 10 pages of college-level writing. Students from **ALL MAJORS** are encouraged to apply!

How do I contact the Writing Center?

For general questions, email umbcwritingcenter@umbc.edu. To contact the Interim Director, email Ms. Elaine MacDougall at efickl@umbc.edu. Please allow 24 hours for a response.