Academic Achievement Center

The Academic Achievement Center (AAC) provides individualized assistance with most facets of academic performance. Its staff helps Norwich students develop strategies and tools for academic success in a supportive, personalized, and student-centered atmosphere. All AAC services and programs are included in student tuition.

Norwich students enrolled in campus-based programs may voluntarily choose from AAC service options, listed below, to achieve their academic goals:

- time management assistance
- planning, and organizational skills
- one-on-one tutorials for papers in all course subject areas
- instruction in fundamental study skills
- reading, writing and note taking strategies
- memorization and exam preparation strategies
- one-on-one tutorials and review sessions in selected course subject areas
- academic coaching

Services are provided by a professional staff consisting of a full-time director and full and part-time learning specialists, supplemented by a trained, supervised staff of peer tutors who provide subject-area tutorials in math, lab science, foreign language, and other courses.

The AAC coordinates two peer academic mentoring programs providing academic support and student academic leadership opportunities. The Corps/Civilian Academic Mentoring Program (CAM) provides critical transitional academic support and training for all incoming Freshmen during their first semester. CAM sessions are led by sophomores from the same lifestyle and academic major as their mentees. The sessions focus on academic skills, accessing NU resources, and effectively transitioning to college life. The Peer Tutoring Program recruits, trains, and supervises student tutors who provide course-specific tutoring to fellow students in one-on-one or group tutoring sessions. Both programs are designed to benefit both mentors and mentees.

The AAC provides tutoring, mentoring, and coaching for all international and American students for whom English is not their first language. The English as a Second Language (ESL) Learning Specialist helps ESL students become more fluent in English, understand US academic culture, and improve academic performance. Students can meet on an as-needed or regular basis.

Services for students with learning, physical, psychological, or other disabilities are another part of the Center's offerings. AAC staff assists students with disability with:

- determining eligibility for disability support services;
- establishing approved Academic Accommodations;
- communicating and working with faculty regarding accommodation;
- accessing test-taking and other academic accommodations;
- using assistive technology and other resources.

AAC staff meet with students with disabilities on an as-needed or regular basis, and provide academic coaching to students upon request. For more information, refer to the "Americans with Disabilities Act (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2015-16/residentialprogramscatalog/

academicregulations/rehabact) " section of the Academic Policies section of this catalog.

The AAC also coordinates two mandatory programs for students at academic risk--students on Academic Probation, and students who have been Re-admitted to the university after having been Academically Dismissed. Both programs coach and counsel these students to develop educational plans and goals to improve academic performance; to improve time management, organizational, and study skills essential to academic success; and to access academic and other support resources available on campus.

Center personnel work closely with academic advisers, course instructors, and administrators to create a comprehensive support system for students choosing to enhance their academic achievement. Services are voluntary and arranged by appointment. Both day and evening hours are maintained to provide access for students in all programs.

For more information, please contact the Academic Achievement Center (http://academics.norwich.edu/academic-achievement-center) at 802-485-2130 or aac@norwich.edu.