

# The Learning and Writing Center Provides Tutoring Services

The Learning and Writing Center is a service-oriented resource designed to assist students and their academic needs.

The Center, located downstairs in Doherty Library B-116, is primarily a tutorial center for writing. It also provides tutoring in areas such as science, math and other core curriculum subjects.

The Center is available to all students currently enrolled at UST, according to Director Dr. Sophia Esquiff.

"I've been coming to the Center since I came to UST one year ago," said MLA student Debbie Gloria.

"Whenever I have a major paper to turn in, I usually have the tutors give me a second

opinion. I think it is an excellent service and more students should use it. It can improve your grade by a whole letter."

Presently, 13 tutors are employed part-time at the Center. Tutors are hired through a selective process: they must have a 3.5 GPA or above in their major and a 3.0 GPA or above overall. They can only tutor in subjects areas that they have not only taken

courses in, but also received a B or better. Two UST faculty references that can attest to the student's abilities are also required.

"I think that it makes the Center unique because the tutors are both familiar and knowledgeable with the areas that they are tutoring in,"



Juan Torres tutors Carlo Ibarra.



Dr. Sophia Esquiff and coordinator Alexses Fitzgerald.



Lorien Cuneo assists Sr. Therese Cecilia Houg Do, O.P.

## FAQs About LWC

### Why should I go the LWC?

Often, students have difficulty understanding something because it had not been explained to them in a manner that fits with the way they as individuals learn. If something in the math classroom does not make sense or if a writing assignment needs more work, then the LWC tutors are trained to guide you through the assignment. During one-on-one conferences tutors are prepared to discuss writing assignments or course material. Finally, every tutorial session ends with the tutor filling out a Conference Note. There are two copies of these notes. One is kept here for LWC records and the other is sent to the professor to let him or her know that you came in for extra help. UST professors are glad to know that their students are utilizing on-campus resources. It shows them that you are willing to put forth an extra effort in their classes.

### When should I get a tutor?

As soon as you think you might need a tutor, come by the Center. We just recommend that you do not wait until the last minute to come in for help.

### Do I have to be tutored the whole semester?

Not necessarily. You may only be having problems with one paper or with one chapter. However, you are more than welcome to come back if you need help.

### Where do we meet?

Most tutoring takes place here at the LWC. The time is between you and the tutor. If the tutors are busy, we offer a great study environment while you are waiting.

Esquiff said. "It is also a good job for students to highlight their talents in their areas of study and to assist the UST community."

The Center offers a writing lab, Internet access as well as free printing for original work. "We offer one of the most comprehensive tutoring programs in the Houston area," Esquiff said. "We also provide a quiet and comfortable study area for students."

The center is open six days a week and no appointments are necessary. "And it's free," Esquiff said.

For more information contact the Learning and Writing Center at Ext. 3878.