September 20, 2012 #wcchat

This week's chat explores the role of volunteer tutors/consultants/coaches in the writing center.

Howdy to all the #wcchat folks!

@StudentWritingCenter 5 hours ago

#wcchat Welcome-Topics today Volunteer Tutors & Start of the Semester Concerns. Does your center use volunteer tutors?

@KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

Glad to see everyone in #wcchat land. We currently do not use volunteer tutors, but we have some grad students offering

@KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

#wcchat Hi Everyone! We do not currently use volunteer tutors at NCSU.

@Brandy Grabow 5 hours ago
What should we think about as we consider these grad students as volunteer tutors? #wcchat

@KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

#wcchat We do use a few volunteer tutors, mostly from our high school partnership program but also some adjunct faculty members as well.

@The Write Place 5 hours ago

#wcchat But, I'm interested in hearing from folks who do.

@WSTS NCSU 5 hours ago

We often start the semester with folks asking us to create new resources. What about you? #wcchat

@KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat we have 3 service learning scholars who are going to work in the center for a total of 15 hours each this semester.

@Clint Gardner 5 hours ago
@Clint Gardner #wcchat - I like that title. That could help us. Do they get course credit for their work?

KU Writing Center

@KUWC #wcchat what kinds of resources? We've started doing workshops again ourselves.

StudentWritingCenter

@KUWC #wcchat yes they do: it is a part of their course work. we will most-likely hire them next term too! or maybe even earilier.

Clint Gardner

@KUWC #wcchat We have "brown bag sessions" where WC consultants can get together with teachers and find out what they could use from us.

UGA Writing Center

@studentwritingcenter #wcchat - We have 100s of resources. Request are specific e.g. We are creating one now on creating PSAs

KU Writing Center
@clintgardner #wcchat great approach. What expertise do the students have?

@KUWC #wcchat they have the expertise of being peers! :)

@UGA #wcchat. Informing the teachers and getting their support I find is key to students finding their way to the WC.

@KUWC #wcchat The service learning scholars are actually enrolled in our "Mentoring Writers" class about helping writers to grow

@clintgardner #wcchat :) We have never used the peer model, but we are discussing it now. So no certain majors, etc.
@KUWC #wcchat Our peer tutors come from all areas; we currently have a couple of English majors; a slew of "General Studies" folks;

Clint Gardner 5 hours ago

@studentwritingcenter #wcchat we are having great success with student workshops. We started posting them on FB and Twitter.

KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat and a couple of business majors. Our service learning scholars are 2 English and 1 Ethnic Studies.

Clint Gardner 5 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat Posting workshops on Facebook is a great idea!

UGA Writing Center 5 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat I recommend trying out a peer tutoring model. Its impact is not just on the writers: their is an excellent benefit for tutors.

Clint Gardner 5 hours ago
@clintgardner #wcchat I (melody pickle) have always believed in the peer model; it is a big shift for us but worth trying.

KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

#wcchat Try virtual workshops as well. All of ours our in virtual meeting rooms. Students can log in from wherever they are.

KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

@UGAWritingCtr #wcchat Thanks! We just began including the actual link to the workshop room (rather than to our password protected site)

KU Writing Center 5 hours ago

#wcchat We are also doing informal "grammar chats" where students can come and ask grammar questions.

KU Writing Center 4 hours ago

@WUWritingCenter #wcchat Hi, welcome! We use Adobe Connect Meeting Pro, which is audio enabled. We use this for one-on-one tutoring too.

KU Writing Center 4 hours ago
@WUWritingCenter #wcchat we use TinyChat for our online tutoring. It also hosts PeerCentered discussions! (bit.ly/OeJU37)

@BrandyGrabow #wcchat Do you also use faculty or professional writing consultants like we do?

@SLCCSWC @WUWritingCenter #wcchat PeerCentered sounds great! Students can use our AC room to chat but without a host, wouldn't have audio.

@KUWC #wcchat No, we use the peer model as well. We have a staff of undergraduate and graduate consultants.

#wcchat the Adobe workshop/tutoring rooms have "breakout" rooms for small-group work or as we use them, multiple tutoring sessions at once.
@BrandyGrabow @KUWC #wcchat We are still primarily a f2f service, and just started an OWC last year.

Brandy Grabow

4 hours ago

@WUWritingCenter @SLCCSWC #wcchat We rarely use video, just audio, but it has screen share. May be an option for split screen too.

KU Writing Center

4 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat yes video is often overkill but does lend presence some times. Many of our writers only like to text chat. Go figure!

StudentWritingCenter

4 hours ago

@BrandyGrabow #wcchat. Good luck with the OWC! Our goal is for our online center to be public facing eventually. :)

KU Writing Center

4 hours ago

@WUWritingCenter #wcchat TinyChat does a/v and has a white board too. The Google suite also offers a/v and doc sharing through Drive.

StudentWritingCenter

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@WUWritingCenter @SLCCSWC #wcchat ...and the student can also share his or her screen, but even getting the student to use audio is....:

KU Writing Center
4 hours ago

@SLCCSWC @WUWritingCenter #wcchat Sounds similar to Adobe Connect. We are looking at Google sites now too as our school email is Google now

KU Writing Center
4 hours ago

@KUWC #wcchat we're also a Google campus. It is worth looking into, for sure.

Clint Gardner
4 hours ago

@SLCCSWC #wcchat ours too!

KU Writing Center
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@KUWC @WUWritingCenter @SLCCSWC #wcchat would like to move to audio eventually, but google.docs and chat seem accessible for students.

Brandy Grabow
4 hours ago
@KUWC @WUWritingCenter @SLCCSWC #wcchat
And less tech hassle for us. :)

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#wcchat We are also a google campus.

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#wcchat We use Google docs too but not with students as much as among tutors and faculty.

@KUWC @BrandyGrabow @WUWritingCenter
@SLCCSWC #wcchat For our Paper Review service, students submit Word docs to our WC (gmail) account.

#wcchat tutor training (and all the technology training) could be why we don't use volunteer tutors
#wcchat Lively chat today. About 5 more minutes. Any start of the term issues come up? We just started a new term. A busy but good time!

@KUWritingCenter #wcchat This has been Chrissine—the KUWC's ELL Specialist btw. Melody went to a meeting. Nice to chat with you all!

@KUWritingCenter #wcchat Keep up the good work! :)

@KUWritingCenter #wcchat Thank you for chatting! Watch wcenter for the next chat time. We will talk about the National Day of Writing.

#wcchat Have a good afternoon everyone!