

## Welcome to the Fall 2020 Semester!

We look forward to supporting TMU students with their coursework as we move into a new semester. To safeguard the physical well-being of all this semester, our **peer tutoring support will be offered mainly through a virtual platform. To schedule an appointment, students will view the peer tutor availability calendar and select a time that is compatible with their schedules. The link for our "TMU Peer Tutoring" is now accessible through the sidebar on Canvas.** This link will allow students to select one of the following support services: **IAI Peer Tutoring (for core courses), the Math & Physics Tutoring Center, and the Writing Center.**

Here are some quick guidelines and updates:

- Most tutoring sessions will take place online this semester, using the **WOnline virtual whiteboard** or Zoom.
- **If you do not already have an account with WOnline, you must register for one** in order to access the tutoring schedules. To access WOnline just click on the link to **"TMU Peer Tutoring"** on the left-hand file bar in your Canvas course or go to [www.thomasmore.mywconline.com](http://www.thomasmore.mywconline.com) . Click on "register for an account." You must use your student ID and Thomas More email address in order to register with WOnline.
- Once you have created an account in WOnline, you'll be able to log-on and **choose your preferred tutoring schedule (IAE Peer Tutoring, Math & Physics, or Writing Center)**. On the schedule, you will see a list of course subject and tutors that are available to assist during that day and the week ahead. Click on a block of time that your tutor is available and schedule your appointment from there. You will receive a confirmation email with your session information immediately.
- **Give your tutor time to prepare for your session!** Schedule sessions at least 2 hours ahead of time. Scheduling the day before is even better!
- Your real time tutoring session/video conference will take place during the time slot you selected.
- **Make sure you are prepared** for your tutoring session with assignments, lecture and reading notes, and questions.
- **To access the online session** for the time block reserved, just log into WCONLINE at the time of your appointment, click on the appointment on the calendar, and then click on the link provided. This will take you to a virtual consultation room/whiteboard where you and your peer tutor can get right to work.
- You can **utilize the video/audio feature or just use the chat** within the virtual whiteboard to collaborate with your tutor.
- **Your tutoring session and all notes will be saved** so that you can access them after the session. This is a great way to review for tests and double check your notes.
- Once your session is complete, **you will receive an email with a link to a short survey.** Please take a minute to complete the survey, as your feedback helps us to continually improve.

**Peer tutoring is a collaboration that supports the learning process.** We hope that you enjoy the virtual collaboration as an experience that will most closely mirror the support that we typically provide in our face-to-face tutoring sessions. We look forward to working with you this semester!