Fall 2020 Report
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Fall 2020 by the numbers:

- **982** Content Tutoring sessions
- **2,005** total visits with **558** unique students
- **915** Lab Reports/Other Scientific Writing sessions

What was new in fall 2020?

- Kyra Bauske and Elizabeth Trepanier (two of our graduate writing consultants) created resources on:
  - Revising vs. Editing
  - Writing an Effective Introduction
  - Integrating Source Material in MLA and APA
  - and MLA formatting
- We created a video walkthrough of the appointment-scheduling process.

Peer Tutor Education and Professionalization

Each semester, our cohort of new tutors participates in a two-part training program. Part I covers the fundamentals of peer tutoring pedagogy and our policies and procedures. Part II is designed as a series of discussion groups, each centered on a particular topic related to peer education and the role of the TWC in the Rollins community.

Thank you to our wonderful guest facilitators from this semester: Tiffany Cheatham, Carrie Glatting, and Sarah Laake!

Discussion groups this semester addressed:

- Accessibility and Inclusivity in Peer Tutoring
- Curiosity and Learning
- Tutoring with Technology
- Working with Students on Career Documents
- Multiculturalism and Multilingualism in the TWC
- Emotional Labor and Boundary-Setting
- Anti-Racism and Peer Tutoring

We added brief bios for each of our tutors on our website.

We added an Instagram account: follow us @rollins_twc!

We created a video walkthrough of the appointment-scheduling process.

We reduced the size of our student staff, which allowed us to centralize our services and better support our peer tutors.

We added appointment categories for Lab Reports and Other Scientific Writing in EAB Navigate.

Please join us in celebrating the members of our student staff whose dedication, compassion, and excellence supported over 550 students’ learning during a historic semester:

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- Capri Gutierrez
- Charlotte Kelly
- Christina McAlpin
- Cora Burkley
- Elizabeth Trepanier
- Emilio Fernandez
- Emily Curran
- Emily O’Malley
- Eric Jaffe
- Haley Sauls
- Hiroki Sato
- Isaac Gorres
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- Joy Ding
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- Kendall Clarke
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Post-Visit Survey

The 148 responses to our post-visit survey indicate that our tutors have created an environment that is welcoming and encouraging and that students tend to leave their session feeling more prepared and confident about achieving their academic goals. Our complete survey questions and responses are available upon request.

True/False: I learned something during my session that I will use in the future:

Our survey data indicates that most students learn about our services from their professor(s)—thank you for your partnership!

Before my visit, I felt...
NERVOUS, OVERWHELMED, HOPEFUL

During my visit, I felt...
UNDERSTOOD, WELCOME, RESPECTED

After my visit, I felt...
ENCOURAGED, CONFIDENT, RELIEVED

What did you work on with your writing consultant?

What did you work on with your content tutor?
Additional Usage Information

Courses with **10 visits** or greater:
*some appointment reports, particularly those for writing consultations, may not include a course number.

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Students met with a tutor for support in **113 different courses** in fall 2020!

**Number of Cancellations:** 447

**Number of Appointment Requests** (submitted through EAB Navigate): 177

Why do students submit appointment requests?
- They cannot find an available appointment at a time that works for their schedule.
- They want to schedule an appointment sooner than 18 hours in advance.
- We do not have a tutor in place for their course.

**Appointment requests and cancellations in the fall 2020 semester were roughly half what they were in fall 2019. This data suggests that we have continued to connect students with our peer tutoring services more effectively and efficiently.**

**Workshops**

During the fall 2020 semester, TWC administrators and peer tutors facilitated **17 workshops and class visits** in a range of courses including ENGW 140 and 280, SI 200, LACS 200, and RCC 100.

**Workshop topics** included:
- ✫ Writing at the College Level
- ✫ Citing and Using Sources Effectively
- ✫ Revision and the Writing Process
- ✫ Guided Peer Review

As we look toward spring 2021, we will continue to:
- ✫ Offer virtual tutoring among our range of peer tutoring services.
- ✫ Partner with faculty and staff in order to support student learning across campus.
- ✫ Expand professionalization opportunities for our student staff in order to prepare them for responsible leadership, meaningful lives, and productive careers.

*The mission of the Tutoring & Writing Center in Olin Library is to provide all students in the Rollins community with access to responsive peer educators and resources that support their development as effective, independent learners.*

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