ENG465: WRITING TUTORIAL
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Fall 2004 Class: Alternating Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm; English Dept Commons Room
Office hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 11-12 PM & by appt

The goal of this course is to provide you with the tools you need to tutor students in all aspects of writing: drafting, revising, researching, etc. You will learn both the theories supporting these teaching and tutoring skills and the skills themselves. Throughout the semester, please keep a folder with handouts from the class sessions as you may need them for your final paper.

Assignments and grading:

Presentation: Each student will do one small presentation (15 minutes) as indicated by the schedule (feel free to swap dates with another student). For your presentation, you will summarize an article or book chapter that offers a theory or skill for tutoring/teaching writing. Explain how you might employ this theory or skill in your own work with students. Please provide 13 copies of the article/chapter so that all members of the class may have one for their files. I will give you a list of resources or you may locate your own. In addition to your verbal presentation, please submit a 1-page summary to me. 25%

Final Paper: At the end of the semester, you will write a 3-page statement regarding your philosophy on teaching writing. You should use as resources our class discussions, your experience as a fellow/tutor, and any reading you’ve done (i.e. the articles from class presentations). We will discuss this paper in more detail at the end of the semester. 50%

Participation: 25%

Each absence reduces your final grade by 1/3 or .3 points (an A becomes A-).
ENG 465: Schedule

September 2  Introduction: The tutoring session.

14  Facilitative Tutoring

28  Process vs. Product

  Presentation: Heather Ross

October 12  TBA with Professor Petty

  Presentation: Frances Rabalais
  Presentation: Rebecca Kaithern

26  The Paramedic Method; Reverse Outlining

  Presentation: Krista DeWitt
  Presentation: Ryan Call

November 9  TBA with Professor Uselmann

  Presentation: Jeta Donovan
  Presentation: Brian London

21  *****SUNDAY*****

  Make-up class for Nov 23 (Thanksgiving Break)
  Plagiarism and Paraphrasing

  Presentation: Whitney Howell
  Presentation: Sarah Cheon

November 23  NO CLASS (see make-up class above)

December 7  Last Class. Review; feedback.

  Statement of Teaching Writing due Friday, December 10.