



How to Find and Hire a Peer Tutor on Your Own

If you think you could benefit from additional instruction in one of your classes, CFAR recommends that you work with a peer tutor. Peer tutors are approachable, they've taken the class you're struggling in, and they are typically more flexible than professional tutoring services. Follow these step to find a peer tutor.

Step 1: Ask Your Professor for a Recommendation

Your best resource for finding a tutor in any class is your professor...whose office hours you should already be attending. Ask for a recommendation for a bright, hard-working student who has done well in the class in the past. Nobody has a better lead on who you should talk to than the person standing in the front of the classroom.

Step 2: Look for Tutor Advertisements

There are plenty of private tutors all over campus willing to work with you. If you keep your eyes open, they should be easy to find. Look at advertisements hanging near your class or in the building for that department. Chances are that you will find the contact information for tutors who are available to provide help specifically for your class.

Step 3: Hang 'Tutor Wanted' Posters

Some of the best tutors on campus aren't tutors...yet. If you're having trouble finding someone to work with you, try hanging your own advertisements near your class or in the department office. Let people know which class you need support for and how to get ahold of you. Tutoring has many benefits, so count on at least a few people being interested.

If all else fails...

Look for tutoring resources that may already be established for your class. These may include tutoring sessions set up by professors, honor society tutoring, TA review sessions, and more. Keep in mind that many of these resources are **free services** that are available just for you!



5 Things You Should Know When Hiring a Tutor

Whether you've scouted out your own tutor or received a recommendation from a professor, here are a few things you should consider before you jump into a tutoring arrangement.

1. Know What you Need

The more information you have for your possible tutor the better. Make sure you have the course name and number, the professor's name, and a clear sense of what you hope to get out of tutoring. This will help you hire a tutor who is ready and willing to assist you with what you need.

2. Know What the Tutor Charges

Most peer tutors charge anywhere from \$15-\$30/hour. Be sure to discuss this rate before you hire someone.

3. Know How Often You Will Meet

For the most effective tutoring, you and your tutor should only be meeting 1-2 hours per week, but how much and how often you meet is something to discuss before hiring. It is best to set up a regular tutoring session time in a quiet public meeting space, such as the library.

4. Know Your Responsibilities

For the most effective tutoring sessions, you need to do your reading and homework prior to meeting with your tutor. Your role is to lead the tutoring sessions by being prepared with questions for them to answer. Make sure your tutor is there to help you learn, not to just give you answers. Make sure **you** demonstrate your understanding of the information they are reviewing with you.

5. Know That You Can Give Feedback or Walk Away

Not every potential tutor will be a good match for your learning style. If you have ideas for how the session could be more productive, share your ideas with your tutor. If you find that your tutor confuses more than helps, you can always walk away to find someone else who might serve you better.