Ways to Get the Most Out of Peer Tutoring

1. Be specific about what you need, and come to meetings prepared

If you and the tutor are both prepared, your time together will be more productive.

- consider and write down questions about your work as they occur
- email or speak with your tutor in advance or after about particular difficulties or questions
- keep in mind that the more your tutor knows about your needs, the better your tutor can help you

2. Communicate

Your tutor wants to be helpful to you and relies on your guidance to know what works best for you.

- tell your tutor about any time constraints or deadlines you might have
- plan ahead in order to have sufficient time to meet
- update your tutor on how things are going and what is most or least helpful about your work together

3. Use your tutor to guide you to additional resources

Your tutor is eager to help you but they do not have all the answers and are always willing to point you in the right direction.

- seek out the many other resources available on campus for help with writing, coping with personal issues, understanding the course materials, etc.
- ask questions so your tutor can help you connect with additional sources of support as needed

4. Respect your tutor’s time

Tutors are students just like you, with their own deadlines and demands.

- be on time for appointments
- make sure you and your tutor know how to reach one another between meetings
- give your tutor 24 hours’ notice if you need to cancel a meeting. You can cancel your scheduled session through the online scheduler at http://my.jhu.edu.