

NEWSLETTER

NSU's Tutoring and Testing Center

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TUTOR PROFILE



Amal Bhullar

Math and science tutor Amal Bhullar plans to earn her B.S. degree in Biology with an Anthropology. As a Davie native, Amal will be graduating in the class of 2016 as a Dual Admission student in the Osteopathic Medical program.

Amal has been tutoring with the Tutoring and Testing Center since December 2013, and has a passion for assisting and encouraging students in understanding their own potential in analytical thinking. Amal likes having the ability to explain concepts in a manner that allows students to understand them easily. She especially enjoys working with motivated students who are eager to solidify their understanding during the tutoring sessions.

Amal participates in numerous student organizations, ranging from cultural to academic. Amal is currently conducting research projects on both "gene expression" and the "behavioral interactions between spider monkeys and humans". These research projects are being conducted under the supervision of two NSU faculty members.

In her spare time, she enjoys swimming and sketching portraits. She hopes to be able to travel in a variety of places before and after her graduate studies.

Director's Message

Welcome to the winter 2015 semester!

Resolutions, resolutions...willpower will only get you so far, the key is to start developing new good habits that will stick. The Tutoring and Testing Center (TTC) can help you achieve this goal if you have a carefully crafted plan for success at NSU that incorporates tutoring as part of your regular study routine. We know that students who take advantage of tutoring have a better chance for academic success. The same is true for group study where students can come together and engage in active, collaborative learning. That is why I am excited to invite you to participate in a program TTC started this academic year – Sharks Helping Sharks. These are scheduled weekly group study sessions where students

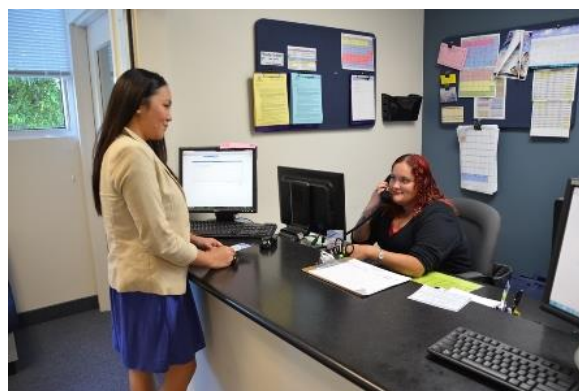
attending similar classes can come together (no appointment needed) to study, exchange ideas, and simply support one another.

In addition, don't forget that TTC continues to offer Tutoring Tuesdays in the Goodwin residence hall. All are welcome on a walk-in basis. So let us be a part of making this year a great one for you at NSU. Our staff of peer and professional tutors is eager to share their expertise and experiences to promote your success. We look forward to being your catalyst for positive change in the new year.

Best wishes for a great semester!



Lisa Walther, Director



Expanded Opportunities for Tutoring Assistance

The Tutoring and Testing Center strives to be as accessible as possible to students around campus. The Goodwin Residence Hall classroom is where students can receive tutoring in math, writing, and science on Tuesday evenings from 8-10 p.m. Additionally, TTC is happy to announce the Sharks Helping Sharks program. Sharks Helping Sharks is an open Math Lab on Thursdays from 1:30-4:30 for MATH 1000-1030-1040 students. The open lab will be held in room 104 in the Student Affairs Building. Students are welcome to use the open lab for group and individual studying. A math tutor will be in the lab to assist in clarifying concepts and assisting with assignments. No appointments are necessary!



Tutoring and Testing Center Welcomes Nicole Green

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Stephanie Wietrzychowski

Stephanie is currently a graduate student in the Doctoral program for School Psychology at Nova Southeastern University. She enjoys being involved at the university and currently holds the position of Fundraising Chair for the Student Organization for the Advocacy of Psychology and First Year School Psychology Delegate for the Center of Psychological Services' Student Government. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Florida International University, where she founded a chapter of Make-A-Wish on campus and worked as a writing tutor for 2 years.

Her favorite part about being a tutor is getting the opportunity to instill a passion for writing in her students and improve their confidence in writing. Stephanie became interested in working as a tutor because she has always been extremely passionate about writing. She has a great interest in Creative Writing and hopes to write a book and receive her MFA in Creative Writing at Trinity College Dublin someday.

In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys traveling to new places. Every year, she travels to one place that she has never been before. One of her lifelong goals is to travel to every continent. In the future, she plans on becoming a psychologist and specializing in suicide prevention.

The Tutoring and Testing Center is proud to welcome a new Assistant Director of Testing, Nicole Green. Nicole had this to say about her past educational background as well as future aspirations:

Hello, my name is Nicole Green. My personal experience in learning has cultivated a passion in me for higher education and student engagement. I am joining the College of Undergraduate Studies team as the Assistant Director of Testing. For my undergraduate program I attended American Public University obtaining my B.S. in Sociology. After completing my bachelor's I discovered my zeal for education when I took the role of testing coordinator at a local community college. In 2013 I completed my M.S. in Leadership at Grand Canyon University.

On a personal note, I enjoy spending time with my family and love participating in any special projects community events I can find. I am excited to work with such a dynamic team and look forward to growing with the NSU family.

The TTC is excited to begin working with Nicole and the positive energy and expertise she brings to the office.

Testing News: Upay

Effective the Fall 2014 semester, **all TESTING payments are being processed through the Upay** system located on our website at: <http://www.nova.edu/tutoring-testing/testing-services/index.html>

Upay provides students with a sophisticated, secure, and efficient online payment facility.



*Nicole Green
Assistant Director of Testing*

LSAT:

Once again, NSU will be hosting the LSAT exam on February 7th, 2015 .

Tutoring by the Numbers

We are happy to announce just how busy our tutors have been this past semester. Over the course of the fall term, we facilitated:

- 610 math appointments
- 541 science appointments
- 736 writing appointments

These numbers put us at a grand total of 1887 appointments for the semester. We are very pleased with all of these numbers but most especially with science. Science appointments increased an astounding 33% from the previous fall semester. We will continue to work diligently for the NSU student body.



Tutoring centers come in many shapes and forms. Some have a multitude of resources—such as computer labs, study rooms, textbook resources, and satellite locations.

But the goal for all remains the same: **Assist students to become active and independent learners!**



*Robert Miyares
Coordinator of
Tutoring and
Testing*

Testing Basics

Testing Services continues to be a test administration site for CLEP, DSST, and NYU Foreign Language Proficiency exams. Students must contact their academic advisor before making appointments to take any exam and then contact Testing Services for specific dates or appointments. Students can also contact the Office of Student Disability Services for more information on individualized accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Success Tips

We hope your efforts to stay on track and keep up with the rigors of college-level study are effective. However, if there are topics that you are struggling with in your attempt to reach this goal, please stop by the Tutoring and Testing Center and see what we have to offer. You may be surprised!

Do you have what it takes to be a tutor?

If you are interested in becoming a peer tutor (math and/or science), you must have the following:

- minimum of 30 earned credits
- overall GPA of 3.4 or higher
- “B+” or higher in courses you want to tutor

To apply, visit <https://www.nova.edu/webforms/tutoring-testing/tutor-application/index.html> fill out an application, and drop it off at the TTC office in the Student Affairs Building. Additionally, an application through JobX will be required. JobX is found through your SharkLink portal.

NSU's Tutoring and Testing Center Co-Hosting FCLCA Conference

In collaboration with Florida Atlantic University, Broward College, and Palm Beach State College, NSU will be co-hosting the 2nd annual Florida College Learning Center Association (FCLCA) conference on April 9th and 10th. NSU will be showcasing and giving tours of the Tutoring and Testing Center to conference attendees as part of the conference. The keynote speaker will be Paul Nolting, a national expert on student success in mathematics.



CONTACT US

MAIN CAMPUS HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

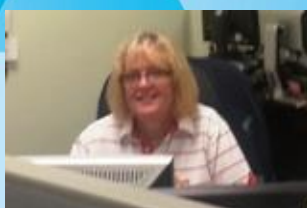
Friday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hours are subject to change

REGIONAL CAMPUSES

Tutoring hours vary.
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